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MODERN POLITICAL THEORY

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**For students on all programmes in the
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS**

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Answer FOUR of the following TWELVE questions in 3 HOURS

1. 'Time mellows into legitimacy.' Explain how this view informs Burke's political theory.
2. 'The present age will hereafter merit to be called the Age of Reason, and the present generation will appear to the future as the Adam of a new world.' What assumptions led Paine to this conclusion?
3. To what extent did Mill refine Bentham's Utilitarianism?
4. Compare and contrast Tocqueville's theory of social change with that of **EITHER A) Hegel OR B) Marx**.
5. 'Like all great Political works, On Liberty was a response to a danger.' How did Mill analyze and challenge this danger?
6. Explain and evaluate the Marxist theory of base and superstructure.
7. Why did Lenin advocate a dictatorship of the proletariat?
8. Outline what you consider to be the key beliefs of democratic socialism and consider the extent to which they differ from Marxism.
9. Explain and evaluate the liberal suspicion of the state.
10. Examine the claim that conservatism is non-ideological.
11. To what extent does a feminist approach to political theory correct a distortion in conventional scholarship?
12. Discuss the relationship between modernity and post-modernity.