

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**  
**M PHIL EXAMINATIONS 2005**  
**for internal students**

**MARX**

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following questions. Please avoid overlap in your answers.

1. In what sense was Marx a materialist philosopher?
2. 'The young Marx was a nationalist in his attitude to Germany, and a romantic in his attitude to the proletariat.' Discuss.
3. 'There is a continual movement of growth in productive force, of destruction in social relations, and of formation in ideas; there is nothing immutable but the abstraction of the movement.' (Marx, 1947) Was Marx right about this?
4. 'That the bourgeoisie creates a world in its own image is one point of Marx's analysis which has been born out by history.' Discuss.
5. 'The idea that all profit derives from the exploitation of labour is no more justified than the idea that all profit derives from the exploitation of corn.' Discuss.
6. Can Marx's critique of natural rights be understood as an exemplary application of his analysis of ideology?
7. If Marx's theory of history is not a predictive and therefore testable theory, what kind of theory is it?
8. 'It is unfortunate that Marx relied on a loaded word, exploitation, to explain a matter of fact.' Discuss.
9. Present and discuss the main economic reasons why Marx was convinced that capitalism would destroy itself.
10. 'A woman who is married to a member of the bourgeoisie, but owns no means of production, belongs to the proletariat.' Discuss the significance of this claim for Marx's analysis of capitalism.

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11. 'The working class know that they have to pass through different phases of class-struggle. They know that the superseding of the economical conditions of the slavery of labour by the conditions of free and associated labour can only be the progressive work of time, that this economical transformation requires not only a change of distribution but a new organization of production, or rather the delivery (setting free) of the social forms of production in present organized labour from the trammels of slavery, from their present class character (engendered by present industry), and their harmonious national and international coordination.' (Marx, 1871). Do the working class know nothing of the sort?

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