

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

M.Phil. EXAMINATION
for Internal Students

PHILOSOPHY

Marx

Monday, 8 May 2006: 10.00 – 13.00

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following **TEN** questions, avoiding overlap in their answers, also between papers.

1. Marx uses the term 'alienation' in a number of contexts. Is there a core meaning to this term?
2. What, according to the young Marx, is the chief defect of 'all hitherto existing forms of materialism and idealism'?
3. Is it wrong to think of the labour theory of value as a theory of market prices?
4. Does Marx have good reason for predicting an end to capitalism and its replacement with communism?
5. G. A. Cohen claims that, in order to render historical materialism consistent, it is necessary to appeal to functional explanation. Is he right?
6. 'Marxism is dead; but Marx's predictions about the internationalisation of capitalism were remarkably prescient.' Discuss.
7. Did Marx think communism was to be preferred to capitalism from a moral point of view?
8. Is there anything of value in Marx's analysis of ideology?
9. 'Marx's analysis of capitalism is fatally flawed by his failure to take account of differences of race and gender.' Do you agree?
10. 'Political emancipation from religion is not complete and consistent emancipation from religion, because political emancipation is not the complete and consistent form of human emancipation' (*On the Jewish Question*). How, according to Marx, does emancipation from religion fall short of human emancipation?

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