

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
M PHIL EXAMINATIONS 2004
for internal students

MARX

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

1. Why does the young Marx think that a purely political revolution is not possible in Germany? What does he think is possible?
2. What, according to Marx, are the chief defects of all previous materialism and idealism?
3. 'Marx's critique of liberalism in "On the Jewish Question" anticipates recent feminist and communitarian critiques.' Discuss.
4. 'Marx's opposition to utopian socialism requires him to argue that the proletariat revolution will be motivated by individual self-interest. But individual self-interest requires each person not to participate in a revolution.' Discuss.
5. What, for Marx, is the relation between the economic structure and the superstructure?
6. How important is the idea of class struggle to Marx's theory of history?
7. Critically analyze Marx's theory of ideology.
8. 'Communism will overcome the distinction between work and leisure.' 'Under communism there will be less work to be done.' Did Marx hold both these views? Are they in tension?
9. What does it mean for the relations of production to fetter the productive forces?
10. What, for Marx, explains the wage rate under capitalism? Does his theory of the industrial reserve army support or contradict this analysis?
11. Did Marx show that the rate of profit would decline under capitalism? What is the significance of this issue?

TURN OVER

12. Marx suggested that each capitalist crisis would be worse than the previous one. Why?
And why has this prediction failed?

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