

POL S 2200
INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS
STUDY GUIDE
4/3/06

TERMS:

GLOBALIZATION
TERRORISM
SOCIAL REVOLUTION
DOHA ROUND
CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS
AMARTYA SEN
WORLD SYSTEMS THEORY

WTO
SAMUEL HUNTINGTON
THE WASHINGTON CONSENSUS
MODERNIZATION THEORY
NEOLIBERALISM
DEPENDENCY THEORY
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QUESTIONS:

1. EXAMINE HOW A STATE'S RELATIVE AUTONOMY AND CAPACITY AFFECTS ITS ABILITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGES OF GLOBALIZATION. USE EXAMPLES TO ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWER
2. HOW DOES DEMOCRACY RELATE TO ECONOMIC GROWTH? DOES IT INHIBIT GROWTH OR FACILITATE IT? USE EXAMPLES TO ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWER.
3. DISCUSS THE FAILURE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IN AFRICA AS DISCUSSED BY COLLIER AND GUNNING.
4. EXAMINE POVERTY IN THE THIRD WORLD. IS POVERTY DUE TO OUTSIDE EXPLOITATION AND NEOLIBERAL POLICIES OR IS IT A RESULT OF POOR STATE CAPACITY?
5. SOCIAL REVOLUTIONS ARE RARE. ACCORDING TO SKOCPOL, HOW AND WHY DO THEY OCCUR?
6. HOW DOES A LACK OF REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL AFFECT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN AN ERA OF GLOBALIZATION?
7. HAS GLOBALIZATION CONTRIBUTED TO RISING INEQUALITY OR ACTED TO MAKE ALL BETTER OFF? DEFEND YOUR ANSWER.
8. WHAT THREE FACTORS DOES CRENSHAW USE TO EXPLAIN TERRORISM?
9. DISCUSS HOW TRANSNATIONAL, REVOLUTIONARY TERRORIST GROUPS CAN USE ANTI-COLONIAL MOVEMENTS AND DISCONTENT GENERATED BY STATE TERROR TO RECRUIT.
10. HOW DOES AMARTYA SEN'S ARGUMENT BREAK THE SUPPOSED TRADEOFF BETWEEN ECONOMIC GROWTH AND FREEDOM? USE CHINA AND INDIA AS EXAMPLES.