

**EXAMINATION PAPER
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IP27020 Climate change and international politics in the Anthropocene

Time allowed: 24 HOURS. You must submit your answer in a single document to the TurnItIn submission point before 12 P.M. (BST) the day after the examination paper is released. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Answer 1 question from each section.

Section 1.

1. In *The Politics of the Anthropocene*, Dryzek and Pickering talk about the 'good', the 'bad' and the 'inevitable' Anthropocene. What is meant by these distinctions and what is their significance for *how you understand* the international politics of climate change?
2. Do you consider one or more of the alternatives to the term 'Anthropocene' - Capitalocene or Chthulucene for example - as a more adequate descriptor of the current epoch? Justify your reasoning.
3. Why have some suggested a conceptual shift to the idea of 'planet/ary' politics and what is its significance, if any, for international politics in your view?

Section 2.

4. Some argue that climate change intensifies challenges related to conflict, inequality, migration and democracy. Do you agree? If so, why and, if not, why not? Discuss in reference to **two such issue areas**.
5. Why is dealing with impacts of climate change on international political dynamics challenging? Discuss in relation to at least **two issue areas covered in section 2 of the module**.
6. 'In the context of the 'Anthropocene debates' the challenge is not just that we need to recognise the impact of climate change on various issue areas in international politics but that the way in which we approach these issues has to shift.' Discuss whether you agree or not and why.

Section 3.

7. Is climate change a challenge to the power of the state as a key political actor?
8. 'Responses to climate change have reflected the dominance of particular cultural backgrounds and experiences.' Discuss the validity and significance of this statement.
9. 'Climate change is a fundamental challenge for political imagination in the current international system.' Discuss the validity and significance of the statement.