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EXAMINATION PAPER

IQ23920: People and Power: Understanding Comparative Politics Today

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.

Please answer **ONE** question

Your answer must comprise of 1,500 words (+/- 10%). Do not duplicate material you have submitted previously.

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER
WELSH OR ENGLISH

1. What are the strengths and limitations of the comparative method for understanding contemporary politics? Discuss **TWO OR MORE** strategies (for example, large 'n' samples, single case studies, two case studies, comparing systems, comparing types etc) in your answer.
2. How do different authoritarian regimes use patronage and corruption? Are they essential to the regime's survival?
3. Drawing on examples to illustrate your arguments, how helpful is it to understand populism as a thin-centered ideology?
4. Assess the extent to which interest groups that lobby government enhance representative democracy.

5. Drawing on two examples, critically evaluate the effectiveness of social movement strategies.