Word limit: 2500 words  
Select **ONE** question from the following as your chosen question:

§  Why do we need to study the relations between ‘politics’ and ‘economics’?

§  How and why can poverty be understood as a relationship?

§  How have the super rich reshaped the geography of London?

§  Why is it important to study the political economy of money?

§  How is money created in the UK banking system?

§  Why is money a social construction?

§  Which factors were most important for the emergence of capitalism?

§  How does a perspective informed by Karl Marx help us to understand the origins ofcapitalism?

§  Why have certain accounts on the origins of capitalism been accused of Eurocentrism?

§  Does increasing international trade lead to the peaceful co-existence of nation-states?

§  How has liberalism justified the capitalist system?

For essays, the following criteria must be adhered to:

§  Do not compose your own question. Do not write to a general title.

§  Type the precise question at the top of the essay. Do not change or elaborate upon

the wording of the question in any way.

§  Do not exceed the word limit and provide an accurate word count. SOAS allows an

extra buffer of up to 10% of the word limit (ie a hard word limit of 2750 per essay), but

please try not to enter this zone.

§  Submit by the deadline. Unless official mitigating circumstances are submitted in

advance, no extensions will be tolerated.

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The following criteria will be used in assessing essays:

1. *Definition of the topic*

*§ Has the topic been clearly defined and directly addressed?*

1. *Structure of the essay*

*§  Does the introduction present a clear statement of issues to be covered?*

*§  Does the essay have a clear organisation in which*

*A) the main points are developed logically; and*

*b) the relevance of the material to the theme or argument is clear?*

*§  Is there an effective conclusion that draws together the main points?*

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*3. Content*

§ Is there evidence of adequate reading and research?  
§ Has the question being answered?  
§ Is the breadth of coverage adequate?  
§ Are the issues and ideas analysed in sufficient depth?  
§ Are arguments supported by evidence, examples, sources?

*4. Analysis*

§ Are the arguments logical and consistent?  
§ Are opinions based on evidence and/or logic?  
§ Does the essay show evidence of original or independent thought?

*5. Presentation*

§ Fluency and style of writing.  
§ Spelling, grammar, paragraphing.  
§ Presentation of data: effective use of figures, tables, quantities etc.

§ Neatness and legibility.  
§ Sources and references correctly acknowledged and presented.

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