

**Part IIB Paper 16**  
**Modern Britain**  
**SOC 5 of the Politics, Psychology and Sociology Tripos**  
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**Aims and Objectives**

To provide knowledge and understanding of the political, economic, and social forces underpinning the trajectory and framing the context of modern British society.

To develop an understanding of the relations and interplay among religious, gender, ethnic, national, imperial, and class categories in the modern British context.

To develop critical intellectual skills in the analysis of the parts played by, and the relationship between, political ideology and social science in the interpretation of a single society.

The core lectures deal with the following topics: the political and economic development of modern Britain; nationalism, religion, and ethnicity in modern Britain; democracy and the British Constitution; the politics and economics of Post-WWII Britain; and family and social change in contemporary Britain.

**Modes of Teaching and Supervision Arrangements**

The course is taught by means of lectures, supervisions and classes. Students are advised to write at least five essays over the year. In general, lecturers will give supervisions on their course; but students should consult their College Director of Studies and the Course Organizer.

**Mode of Assessment**

EITHER one three hour examination paper from which three questions must be answered; OR two 5,000 word essays. Please note that Economics students cannot choose the essays option; they must write the examination.

Precise times and places are announced in the University Lecture list published in the Reporter and on the web.

Please contact the Faculty of Politics, Psychology, Sociology and International Studies for further information.

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