4.6 Collectivist and Individualist Anarchism: Tensions Within the Tradition: 10-minute Pack

EDEXCEL 9PL0 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions. Short answers may be in note form unless a question asks for full sentences. The final levels-marked essay must be written in full sentences and reach a judgement. This pack addresses Edexcel 9PL0 Non-core Political Ideas on anarchism.

1 From POL.NCI6, identify one individualist anarchist claim about individual sovereignty and the person.

(Total for Question 1 is 2 marks)

2 This question tests knowledge of methods from POL.NCI6: state two tactics both collectivist and individualist anarchists have used historically.

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

3 From POL.NCI6, explain briefly why collectivist anarchists are more likely than individualist anarchists to stress class conflict as a motor for social change.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

identifies individual sovereignty or the claim that each person is the ultimate owner of their body and labour	**B1**
brief development, e.g. opposition to any collective claim that overrides personal autonomy	**B1**

Answer: The idea of individual sovereignty, that each person is the ultimate owner of their body and labour and should not be subordinated to collective claims.

Question 2

one accurate tactic, e.g. direct action	**B1**
a second accurate tactic, e.g. mutual aid or small scale organisation	**B1**
brief linking phrase showing both strands have used these tactics	**B1**

Answer: Direct action and mutual aid or small scale organisation, both used by different anarchist groups as means to bypass state institutions.

Question 3

identifies that collectivist anarchists view social relations in terms of class and economic structures	**B1**
explains that collective ownership proposals arise from seeing exploitation of labour by capitalists	**B1**
identifies that revolutionary, mass action or syndicalist organisation is emphasised	**B1**
brief development linking these to the idea that changing ownership removes class domination	**B1**

Answer: Collectivist anarchists analyse society in class terms and see exploitation of labour by capital owners as central; therefore they advocate collective ownership and mass or syndicalist action so that changing ownership structures removes class domination and creates egalitarian, cooperative production.

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