4.6 Collectivist and Individualist Anarchism: Tensions Within the Tradition: Test Pack

EDEXCEL 9PL0 · about 15 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 This question tests basic terminology from POL.NCI6 on anarchist theory: define 'anarchism' in the context of political ideas about the state.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 This question checks knowledge from POL.NCI6 on shared anarchist principles: state one principle common to collectivist and individualist anarchism.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 From POL.NCI6, identify one collectivist anarchist proposal for ownership of the means of production.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

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4 From POL.NCI6, state two reasons why both collectivist and individualist anarchists are suspicious of representative democracy and parliamentary politics.

(Total for Question 4 is 4 marks)

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5 From POL.NCI6, explain briefly two ways in which individualist anarchists propose markets or voluntary exchange could be organised without a state.

(a) Explain one way such as free voluntary contracts between individuals or mutual credit systems. **(3)**

(b) Explain a second way such as tiny scale barter networks or possession based property norms. **(3)**

(Total for Question 5 is 6 marks)

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Question 1

a concise definition that anarchism is a political philosophy opposing the state and hierarchical coercive authority **B1**

Answer: Anarchism is a political philosophy that opposes the state and hierarchical coercive authority, advocating instead for non coercive, voluntary forms of organisation.

Question 2

one accurate shared principle, e.g. anti statism, rejection of coercive government, or preference for voluntary association **B1**

Answer: Anti statism, the rejection of coercive government authority.

Question 3

identifies communal or collective ownership of the means of production cao **B1**

brief development, e.g. workplaces run by cooperatives or communes **B1**

Answer: Collective ownership of the means of production, for example workplaces run democratically by cooperatives or local communes.

Question 4

identifies one reason, e.g. representative institutions entrench elites or formal hierarchies **B1**

brief development of that reason **B1**

identifies a second reason, e.g. electoral politics displaces direct voluntary action and mutual aid **B1**

brief development of that reason **B1**

Answer: Representative institutions can entrench elites and formal hierarchies, undermining the anti hierarchical aims of anarchism, and electoral politics can displace direct action and mutual aid by channeling political energy into institutions that reproduce state authority rather than dissolving it.

Question 5

(a) identifies a mechanism such as voluntary contracts or mutual credit **B1**

(a) explains how it would function without state enforcement, e.g. reputation, arbitration by voluntary associations **B1**

(a) explains how it aligns with individualist emphasis on autonomy **B1**

(a) Answer: Free voluntary contracts or mutual credit systems could operate through mutually agreed terms enforced by social norms, reputation, and voluntary arbitration organisations rather than state courts, fitting individualist aims by preserving autonomous agreements between consenting parties.

(b) identifies a mechanism such as local barter networks or possession based norms **B1**

(b) explains how these reduce the need for centralised regulation **B1**

(b) explains compatibility with individualist concerns about coercion **B1**

(b) Answer: Small scale barter networks and possession based property norms allocate goods by mutual agreement and personal use, reducing reliance on central regulation and preserving individual control over possessions in line with individualist concerns about coercion by collectives or states.

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