Questions

Answer one of the following. You are encouraged to use a diverse selection of contemporary, historical or literary examples in making your arguments, and not to restrict yourself to material taken from school courses. Essays should be no longer than 3,000 words, including any footnotes.

1. Are political promises always a sign of political weakness?
2. Should states and organisations that benefitted from slavery pay reparations to descendants of those who were enslaved?
3. Do we now live in an era of de-globalisation?
4. Why do we provide more support to victims of natural disasters than to victims of war?
5. Should countries in the Global South be compelled to abandon the use of fossil fuels?
6. Is a society’s level of civilisation revealed by entering its prisons?
7. Should Britain re-join the EU?
8. Should those who work for the public sector have the same rights to strike as those who work in the private sector?
9. What should be the political ramifications of the 2021 census showing that less than half of the population in England and Wales identify as Christian?
10. Would politics be better without political parties?

Eligibility and submission

Rules of eligibility are on: https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/essay-prizes/politics/. The essay should be submitted via a form on this site. The deadline for submission is 12 noon (BST) on 1st August 2023.