

Socialism: Activities

Short questions (A01, A02)

Try to draw up brief responses to the questions below:

Explain the main features of the socialist interpretation of equality.

Explain why Karl Marx believed that the fall of capitalism was eventually inevitable.

What were some of the main features of the communist society imagined by Marx and in which ways were the communist systems that came to exist during the twentieth century different?

Why did the social democrats come to the conclusion that socialism could be introduced by democratic means?

In the view of social democrats, which type of policies need to be adopted to suppress the most detrimental elements of capitalism?

Why have several socialists argued for placing restrictions upon the private ownership of property?

In preparing your responses, think carefully about the following points:

- i) **Information:** To show that you have wide and detailed information, think carefully of the different types of concepts, principles and thinkers that need to be discussed to fully answer the question.
- ii) **Clarity:** To ensure that you clearly present your information, consider carefully how to structure your response. Consider the order in which your points should be placed to ensure that your response flows smoothly.
- iii) **Relevance:** To ensure that your response discusses relevant points, ensure that you understand precisely what the questions is asking you to do and then ensure that you only include material relevant to the question in your response.