Comprehensive Examination
in
POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

PART II

Please answer one of two questions in each section.

Development

1. "The debate between modernization, dependency, and world-system theorists reflects ideological and political preferences as much as differences in analytical paradigms based on theory which is well grounded in empirical evidence." Critically assess that statement in terms of the literature on the sociology of development.

2. Contrast the main conclusions drawn by two of the following regarding the role of the state in determining strategies for social/economic development:

- Steven Sanderson in *The Politics of Trade in Latin American Development*

- Naomi Chazan, Robert Mortimer, John Ravenhill, and Donald Rothchild in *Politics and Society in Contemporary Africa*

- Frederic Dozo in *Beneath the Miracle: Labour Subordination in the New Asian Industrialism*

Power & Order

1. Partly in reaction to Fascism and partly to the political quiescence of the 20 years which followed World War II, the thesis of "mass society" had much influence in political sociology during the 1950s and 1960s. But arguably, political radicalization plus upbeat analyses of post-industrial possibilities stripped the thesis of its plausibility and influence during the 1970s and 1980s. Do you see any significant signs of its recrudescence, perhaps in altered form, in the political sociology of the 1990s?