R.A. Butler Prize, 2017
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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 in the range of 2,000 to 4,000 words.

- Why is it so difficult to combat climate change?
- Is there a solution to the migrant crisis?
- Why have there been so few wars between countries in the last decade?
- What is the best way to tackle inequality?
- Is economic globalisation incompatible with national democracy?
- What does the principle of parliamentary sovereignty mean for the United Kingdom today?
- Are the election of Donald Trump and the vote for Brexit the products of common causes?
- How does the concept of intersectionality affect our understanding of gender inequality?
- Can modern technology solve political problems?
- How can democracy be more than the rule of the ignorant?

Essays must be submitted by email to butlerprize@trin.cam.ac.uk by 28 August 2017, and should be accompanied by a statement of originality as explained in the section of the website of the Butler prize entitled ‘Submission’: http://www.polis.cam.ac.uk/about-us/prizes/r-a-butler-prize