ST MARY’S UNIVERSITY

TWICKENHAM, LONDON

BA/BSc Degree Examination students registered for

Level **SIX**

Title: **Modernity in the 21st Century**

Code: **SCY6001**

Semester: **One**

Date: **8th January, 2020**

Time: **9:30am – 10:30am**

TIME ALLOWED: **ONE** HOUR

Answer **TWO** questions. This is a disclosed exam paper.

1. Choose a case study to assess the ways in which people are living in a ‘surveillance society’ and why surveillance is valuable/prohibitive. Use theoretical concepts and evidence to support your points.
2. What does it mean to live our lives online? Present a two-sided argument in which you discuss the benefits and drawbacks of our modern digitalised lifestyle.
3. What are ‘fake news’ and ‘post-truth’ and why are these concepts significant for understanding social life today? Give examples using theoretical concepts and data to support your points.
4. “We are now hackable humans”. To what extent do you agree with this statement? Critically discuss using examples and data.
5. Critically assess the proposition that contemporary humankind is locked into a ‘double race’ in light of the ecological crisis and global economic growth. Use evidence and examples to support your points.

**END OF EXAMINATION**