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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER - JULY 2011

TITLE OF PAPER	:	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE
COURSE CODE	:	IDE-DL026
TIME	:	TWO (2) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS	:	ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS: ONE FROM SECTION A AND THE SECOND FROM SECTION B. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 50 MARKS
TOTAL MARKS	:	100

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SECTION A:

QUESTION 1

“Politics are all those activities which are directly or indirectly associated with the seizure of state power, the consolidation of state power and the use of state power”. Explain this and who the actors are and why?

(50 marks)

QUESTION 2:

Explain the differences between the Liberal view of the state and the Marxist view?
Which of these two do you consider the most appropriate and why?

(50 marks)

QUESTION 3:

Explain the importance of government in modern day society. Give an illustration of the three main organs of government and why it is important for them to operate in line with the doctrine of separation of powers.

(50 marks)

QUESTION 4:

Define the following terms:

- a) Social classes
- b) Means of production
- c) Exploitation
- d) Class consciousness
- e) Ideology

(50 marks)

SECTION 2:

QUESTION 5:

How would you distinguish between power and authority in the political environment?
Explain the different types of political authority and give examples?

(50 marks)

QUESTION 6:

Discuss the distinguishing factors of Parliamentary Democracy as opposed to a Peoples' democracy.

(50 marks)

QUESTION 7:

The different party systems that you have studied can create an environment which allows democracy to prevail or to be stifled. Explain this and give examples.

(50 marks)

QUESTION 8:

Discuss the foundations of political culture and the agencies of political socialization. Give examples.

(50 marks)