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TITLE OF PAPER:	COMPARATIVE POLITICS
COURSE CODE:	PA302
TIME ALLOWED:	THREE (3) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS:	ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, TWO (2) FROM EACH SECTION.

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SECTION A

Question 1

Outline the main features of the political system's approach and assess its usefulness to the study of contemporary society.

Question 2

Compare and contrast the pluralist and corporatist models and analyze how each account for the distribution of power in a given society.

Question 3

Globalization appears to have had a varied impact on Third World States. Critically discuss the above statement.

Question 4

Compare and contrast the representative and the party-state bureaucracy. What are the strengths and limitations of each?

SECTION B

Question 5

"In spite of their significant economic successes, China and India have had to grapple with the challenges of globalization". Critically discuss.

Question 6

Compare and contrast China and Russia's reforms in the post socialist era. What conclusions would you draw?

Question 7

Outline and discuss the similarities and differences between the current USA economic crisis and that of the former Soviet Union in the mid 1980's. What key lessons would you draw from your analysis?

Question 8

Outline and discuss the key challenges facing India in its quest to increase its influence in the rest of the Third World.