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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2012

TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE AND  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: PA 101

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, TWO (2) FROM  
EACH SECTION.

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**SECTION A****QUESTION 1**

Define politics, using at least four (4) definitions with which you are familiar. How does each of the definitions contribute to your understanding of the concept?

**QUESTION 2**

Define social class and discuss the contribution of Marxist theory to the understanding of social inequality.

**QUESTION 3**

In what way does political culture shape the nature of the political process?

**QUESTION 4**

What is the significance of political parties to the promotion of democracy within a political system?

**SECTION B****QUESTION 5**

Outline the key features of Public Administration and analyze its role in the formulation and implementation of public policy.

**QUESTION 6**

Define public bureaucracy and analyze the factors that militate against their performance in the delivery of services.

**QUESTION 7**

Define decentralization and analyze its significance in bringing government closer to the local people.

**QUESTION 8**

What are the key challenges facing the African Public Service?