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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, NOVEMBER 2013

TITLE OF PAPER: MODERN POLITICAL THEORY

COURSE CODE: PA201

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF
TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH

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Question 1

Identify the key features of political ideology and its relevance to political theory and practice.

Question 2

Analyzing the relevance of his views in present –day politics, outline the key features of Machiavelli's conception on the acquisition and use of power.

Question 3

Elaborate on the key elements of the Marxist conception of the state, analyzing his theory of class struggle and revolution.

Question 4

What were the key reasons advanced by Edmund Burke against rapid change? Analyze the political implications for his philosophical position.

Question 5

Hobbes's conception of human nature greatly influenced his theory on the absolutist nature of state power. Discuss.

Question 6

Outline the key features of Locke's liberal state, explaining why he insisted on the separation of the powers of government.

Question 7

Compare and contrast the Machiavellian and the Hobbesian state. What conclusions would you draw?

Question 8

Discuss the key elements of feminist theory and its implications for state power and the sexual division of labour.