

# **UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI**

# FIRST SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, NOVEMBER 2019

## FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

# DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES

**COURSE CODE: POL303** 

TITLE OF PAPER: COMPARATIVE POLITICS

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

#### Instructions

- 1. This paper consists of Section (A) and (B)
- 2. Answer two (2) questions; one (1) from each section

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#### **SECTION A**

### QUESTION 1

Compared to earlier attempts, the political system's approach widens the scope of investigation to include actors located outside of the formal government structures. Discuss.

### **QUESTION 2**

Compare and contrast the nature of interest group politics within liberal and socialist states. In which model is power more widely distributed?

#### **SECTION B**

## **QUESTION 3**

The key political structures and institutions of the USA and former USSR may serve to explain their divergent interpretations of democracy. Discuss.

### **QUESTION 4**

Most of Mexico's contemporary challenges are an indication of a deep-rooted structural and policy dilemma facing all less-developed nations. Critically discuss.