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FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER: MAY 2005

TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE
COURSE CODE: DL 026
TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS
**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS ONLY. ALL
QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF TWENTY
FIVE EACH**

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QUESTION 1

What is the Marxist conception of social classes? What are the conditions necessary for a revolution to occur and the outcome of that revolution? What does Marx see as the role of the state in the whole process prior to the revolution and after the revolution?

(25 marks)

QUESTION 2

Compare and contrast the main components of the liberal view as against the Marxist view on the origins of the state.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 3

What is government? Outline the major organs of government and then highlight the significance of the doctrine of separation of powers.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 4

How do you distinguish between power and authority in the political environment? Give examples of how power, in all its forms, is exercised in real life political situations taking South Africa and Swaziland as examples.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 5

Write short essay on each of the following:

- a) The constitution and its essential role in a given society
- b) The main functions of political parties and the role of political parties in promoting democracy
- c) Discuss the major determinants of political culture in Swaziland and the most influential agents of political socialization in Swaziland.
- d) Democracy
- e) The definition of politics

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