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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER: JULY 2006

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

There is no single definition of politics. Outline four different definitions of politics that you consider are more appropriate and explain why.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 2

What do you understand about Marxism in relation to the fundamental tenets of a capitalist society? Describe the conditions, which according to Marx, are necessary for a revolution to occur. What is the outcome of that revolution and what does Marx see as the role of the state in the whole process prior to the revolution as well as after the revolution?

(25 marks)

QUESTION 3

Society is governed through state machineries called government. Discuss the importance of government, its major organs as well as the significance of the doctrine of the separation of powers.

(25 marks)

QUESTION 4

Write a short essay on each of the following:

- a) Man is a political being
- b) The difference between power and authority
- c) The importance of political parties in society
- d) The different interest groups that exist in society and their role
- e) Political culture

(25 marks)