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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER: JULY 2008

TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

COURSE CODE: DL 026

TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS ONLY. ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION ONE AND ONE FROM SECTION TWO. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF TWENTY FIVE EACH

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SECTION 1:

QUESTION 1

According to Marx, the capitalist system has distinct social classes that are engaged in a class struggle. What is the cause of this class struggle and what is the outcome?

(25 marks)

QUESTION 2

The liberal view the emergence of the state as a result of a social contract between the state and the citizens. Discuss the theory of a social contract and the different components. Would you consider this principle applicable to Swaziland?

(25 marks)

QUESTION 3

Discuss the importance of having a constitution in a country. What are the different types of constitutions? In your opinion what would be the ideal constitution? Does Swaziland's constitution adhere to democratic principles? Explain.

(25 marks)

SECTION 2

QUESTION 4

Political parties are considered an important element in modern democracies. Discuss the different party systems and their implications for democracy. What in your view would be the most appropriate system for Swaziland? How are they different from interest groups?

(25 marks)

QUESTION 5

How would 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 6

The political culture of a country is a result of the socialization process and this shapes our political thinking and the political processes in our countries. What are the major influences of our political culture in Swaziland and why?

(25 marks)