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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 2010

TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

COURSE CODE: DL026

TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS, ONE FROM SECTION A AND THE SECOND IN SECTION B. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF FIFTY MARKS EACH

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SECTION A:

QUESTION 1

The systematic study of politics is imperative because no one can avoid politics as it occurs all around us, whether we are aware of it or not. Discuss and give examples

(50 marks)

QUESTION 2:

Karl Marx's conception of the state helps us understand the conflicts that exist in society today. Explain this and give examples.

(50 marks)

QUESTION 3:

Describe the different branches that form government in Swaziland. Do these adhere to the principle of separation of powers? Explain.

(50 marks)

QUESTION 4:

Social classes are groups of people found in different sections of society. Discuss the different social classes that exist in society, according to Marx. What is their relationship to the means of production and what are the power relations that emanate from these?

(50 marks)

SECTION 2:

QUESTION 5:

There are three different types of political authority, namely, traditional, legal-rational and charismatic authority. Each one of them has implications for the legitimacy, stability and well-being of a given political system where that particular type of political authority prevails. Discuss.

(50 marks)

QUESTION 6:

Discuss the following in relation to constitutions:

- a) Types of constitutions
- b) Key elements of a constitution
- c) Presidential Systems of government
- d) Cabinet systems of government
- e) Peoples' Democracy

(50 marks)

QUESTION 7:

Discuss how political parties and interest groups endeavor to create an environment which allows democracy to either prevail or be stifled in any country of your choice.

(50 marks)

QUESTION 8:

The development of a political culture is mainly through the process of political socialization. Also, the political culture in society is not static, but will respond to new ideas, either generated from within or imported or imposed from outside. Discuss.

(50 marks)