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MAIN EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, MAY 2012

TITLE OF PAPER:	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE
COURSE CODE:	DL 026
TIME ALLOWED:	TWO (2) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS:	ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS, ONE FROM SECTION A AND ONE FROM SECTION B ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF FIFTY (50) EACH.

SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Give four (4) different definitions of politics and critically analyze each one of them.

QUESTION 2

How does the Marxist theory account for the origin of the state? According to the same theory, what role does the state play in:

- (a) Capitalist society and
- (b) Socialist society?

QUESTION 3

Discuss the major organs of government and then highlight the significance of the doctrine of the separation of powers.

SECTION B

QUESTION 4

Distinguish between Power and Authority, Max Weber identified three types of Political Authority, identify these three types of Political Authority and analyze each one of them.

QUESTION 5

Define a People's democracy and Parliamentary democracy; further discuss the major similarities and differences in the operations of a constitution in these two.

QUESTION 6

Identify and discuss factors that shape the political culture in Swaziland. What are the various agencies of political socialization in the country?