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FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, MAY 2005

TITLE OF PAPER : MODERN POLITICAL THEORY

COURSE CODE : PA 201

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : THE PAPER IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS.

- ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION 1
- ANSWER ONE (1) QUESTION FROM SECTION 2.
- IN TOTAL ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.

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SECTION 1

(ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION)

QUESTION 1

Compare and contrast the basic ideas (type of government, conception of man etc.) of Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau.

QUESTION 2

Differentiate between Political philosophy and ideology. State the major debates in the definition of ideology.

QUESTION 3

How does socialism relate to capitalism?

QUESTION 4

Marx believed that capitalism was exploitative of the workers. How did he explain the relationship between capitalism and the workers and what did he predict would happen to capitalism?

QUESTION 5

Compare and contrast the three varieties of feminism.

QUESTION 6

In what way does sexism manifest itself in society?

SECTION 2

(ANSWER ANY ONE (1) QUESTION FROM THIS SECTION)

QUESTION 7

Plato's 'Enlightened Despotism', loosely, argues that it is right for the few who possess knowledge to force the majority into certain action for the universal good of the state. Using this argument, what is your take in the idea that the minority Swazis who want a pluralistic political dispensation in Swaziland – because it is for the good of the entire Swazi State – have the right to impose their views and ideas on the majority, even if the majority is comfortable with the status quo?

QUESTION 8

Evaluate three contemporary political ideals (i.e. type of political system, role of populace etc) debated in class that can be drawn from the study of Greek City states.