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TITLE OF PAPER: COMPARATIVE POLITICS  
COURSE CODE: PA 302  
TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS  
INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, TWO (2) FROM EACH SECTION.

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**SECTION A****QUESTION 1**

Compare and contrast the Comparative Government and the Behaviouralist approaches to the study of comparative politics.

**QUESTION 2**

“The advent of globalization entails major changes in the approaches and methods of conducting comparative political inquiry”. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

**QUESTION 3**

Outline the main features of the Political Systems approach to comparative politics and assess its usefulness to the study of contemporary society.

**QUESTION 4**

Compare and contrast the pluralist and corporatist models of interest group activity. What conclusions would you draw?

**SECTION B****QUESTION 5**

Outline the key factors that contributed to the development experiences of both Botswana and Mozambique in the post-independence period. What conclusions would you draw?

**QUESTION 6**

“With the ‘collapse’ of the former USSR, Cuba’s future prospects for development as a socialist state remain uncertain”. Critically discuss the above statement.

**QUESTION 7**

What are the major similarities and differences in the manner in which the USA and Botswana's liberal democracies are translated into the living conditions of their people?

**QUESTION 8**

Compare and contrast the conceptions of democracy that were applied in the USA and former USSR. What conclusions would you draw?