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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**

The comparative study of interest group politics leads to different interpretations regarding the location as well as the use of power in a given society. Discuss.

### **QUESTION 2**

Outline the main features of the comparative government approach and assess its relevance to contemporary comparative political inquiry.

### **QUESTION 3**

The political system's approach marked a major milestone in the study of comparative politics. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

### **QUESTION 4**

Define bureaucracy and compare and contrast the nature of public bureaucracy in any two political systems with which you are familiar. What conclusions would you draw?

## **SECTION B**

### **QUESTION 5**

The ultimate test to Botswana's and USA's democracies lies in the critical analysis of the living conditions of their people. Elaborate on the above statement.

### **QUESTION 6**

Within the broader context of imperialism and underdevelopment, how would you account for Botswana's success and Mozambique's failure from the period of independence to 1994?

### **QUESTION 7**

Discuss the major effects of global capitalism on the political systems of Cuba and Mozambique. What conclusions would you draw?

### **QUESTION 8**

Socialism as an ideology is alive and well, despite the 'collapse' of the USSR that was closely associated with it. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.