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FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, MAY 2007

TITLE OF PAPER : THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF
BOTSWANA, LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND
(BLS COUNTRIES)

COURSE CODE : PA 303

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS .

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CHOOSE AND ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

1. What is the key to South African industrialization that historically tied the BLS countries to that country? How does it affect BLS social life?
2. Discuss the political reform process in Swaziland since 1996, analyzing its Prospects for bringing about democratic political dispensation in the country.
3. The new democratic South Africa has redefined the regional political economy in a manner that is not necessarily beneficial to the region in general and the BLS countries in particular. Do you agree? Explain.
4. Discuss the mechanisms employed historically to secure and reproduce African labour in the BLS countries for South Africa's capitalist development.
5. Using the case of Swaziland, account for the high military expenditure in BLS countries. Does it serve any useful purpose in advancing socio economic development ?
6. Discuss the view that Swaziland was the least principled in its opposition to the apartheid system in RSA than either or both Lesotho and Botswana. Has This perception had any impact on South Africa's foreign policy towards Swaziland today ? Elaborate.