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FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, MAY 2007

TITLE OF PAPER:	WOMEN AND POLITICS IN AFRICA
COURSE CODE:	PA 404
TIME ALLOWED:	THREE (3) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS:	ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

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QUESTION 1

Define the term 'feminism' and analyze the major differences between liberal and radical feminism. What major conclusions would you draw from your analysis?

QUESTION 2

Define patriarchy and analyze its relevance to the understanding of male and female position and status in any society with which you are familiar.

QUESTION 3

Define the concept of the sexual division of labour and comment on its relevance to the understanding of women's status in pre and post-colonial African society.

QUESTION 4

Outline and critically discuss the role of the state in the determination of the status of women in most African societies. Use relevant examples to illustrate your points.

QUESTION 5

Outline the major reasons for women's participation in Africa's liberation struggles and critically analyze how their participation translated to their living conditions in the post-colonial period.

QUESTION 6

Africa's democratization success depends, among other things, on the realization of the inextricable link between feminism and democracy. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

QUESTION 7

The exclusion of women from peace making initiatives has been one of the major contributing factors to unsustainable peace making efforts in Africa. Critically discuss.

QUESTION 8

Despite prevailing challenges, African women continue to act as agents of social change, undertaking key initiatives that have placed them at the centre of social transformation on the continent. Discuss.