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TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE AND  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: / PA 101

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, TWO (2)  
FROM EACH SECTION.

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## **SECTION A**

### **QUESTION 1**

Define the state and discuss the liberal and Marxist theories regarding its emergence.

### **QUESTION 2**

Define government and spell out its functions. Elaborate on the significance of the doctrine of the separation of powers.

### **QUESTION 3**

Distinguish between power and authority in a political system.

### **QUESTION 4**

Political parties are said to be essential ingredients for democracy in a given society. Illustrate your answer with appropriate examples.

## **SECTION B**

### **QUESTION 5**

How would you account for the growing importance of Public Administration in modern societies?

### **QUESTION 6**

Discuss the main features of Weber's model of bureaucracy. What are the limitations of this model?

### **QUESTION 7**

How does decentralization promote the participation of citizens at the grass root level?

### **QUESTION 8**

Outline and discuss at least four (4) main problems facing the African public service. What can be done to improve the performance and efficiency of African public enterprises?