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FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, MAY 2008

TITLE OF PAPER : CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN POLITICS

COURSE CODE : PA 202

**STUDENTS : BASS II AND DIP. JOURNALISM
YEAR III**

TIME ALLOWED : THREE HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4)
QUESTIONS 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY
EQUAL MARKS OF 25.**

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GIVEN BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

1. Discuss the pros and cons of a multi-party political system in Africa.
2. Choose one African country that has been ruled by the army and discuss the reasons why the military took power in that country.
3. Discuss the courses of civil wars in Africa. Also suggest solutions.
4. Democracy is a contested concept. Critically discuss the Tinkhundla system and pronounce on whether it is democratic or undemocratic.
5. The policies of all colonial powers in Africa led to the down-grading of the chieftaincy institutions. How did the chiefs and other traditional authorities lose their power during the colonial period?
6. Discuss the factors that led to the rise of African nationalism and the call for independence in the continent.
7. Colonialism in Africa was justified on the grounds that it was for mutual benefit of both the colonizer and the colonised (Lord Lugard-The Dual Mandate). Assess the validity of this contention.
8. Discuss the decolonization process in Swaziland. Who were the major actors and what role did they play?