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TITLE OF PAPER:	COMPARATIVE POLITICS
COURSE CODE:	PA302
TIME ALLOWED:	THREE (3) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS:	ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, TWO (2) FROM EACH SECTION.

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Outline and discuss the main features of globalization and analyze its impact on the socio-economic and political structures of developing countries.

QUESTION 2

Compare and contrast the comparative government and the political systems approach to comparative politics.

QUESTION 3

Outline the key features of the pluralist and corporatist models and analyze their contribution towards the facilitation democratic participation in a given society.

QUESTION 4

In most developing countries, the elusiveness of development has been attributed to weaknesses inherent in the nature of the state in those particular societies. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Compare and contrast the development experiences of Cuba and Mozambique within the context of contemporary global capitalist forces.

QUESTION 6

Outline and discuss the key factors that account for the sharp contrast between Botswana's post-independence experience and that of Mozambique up to the period 1994.

QUESTION 7

Outline and analyze the key features of democracy as conceived and applied in the USA and former USSR.

QUESTION 8

Outline and discuss the role of party politics in the USA and former USSR.