

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIAL SCIENCE) YEAR 2**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: APRIL-MAY 2009**

**TITLE OF PAPER:** **CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN POLITICS**

**COURSE CODE:** **PA 202**

**TIME ALLOWED:** **THREE (3) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION:** **ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY, TWO  
FROM EACH SECTION**

**THIS PAPER IS NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN  
GIVEN BY THE INVIGILATOR**

## **SECTION A**

1. What in your view accounted for military interventions in Africa
2. Discuss the reasons behind the popular demand for democracy in the 1980s and 1990s.
3. Examine the various development strategies adopted by post-independence African governments.
4. Discuss the nature of conflicts in Africa prior to the 1990s and show why the Organization of African Unity (O.A.U) failed to resolve most of these conflicts.
5. Outline the causes of the African debt crisis and evaluate the policies set to address it.

## **SECTION B**

6. The new African Order stresses gender equality, particularly the empowerment of women. Drawing example from any one African country, to what extent has this new order transformed the social political and economic lives of women?
7. In a break with past practice, the African Union (AU) now recognizes the role of civil society in the policy-making and governance processes in Africa. Assess the role of civil society in the affairs of any one region in Africa.
8. Critics of the new African development agenda argue that it is a mere recycling of the failed development policies of the past. Critically discuss.
9. Low agricultural productivity continues to plague African states. Assess the strategies to improve agricultural production.
10. Discuss the AU security agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> century Africa.