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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 the main features of the comparative government and political systems approaches and assess their relevance to contemporary comparative political inquiry.

QUESTION 2

Define the concepts of pluralism and corporatism and assess their usefulness as models for comparative political inquiry. What are the strengths and limitations of each model in explaining the location of power in a given society?

QUESTION 3

Outline the main features of globalization and critically assess its impact on Third World States that are largely characterized as fragile and underdeveloped.

QUESTION 4

Discuss the relevance of public bureaucracy to comparative politics.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Compare and contrast China and India's economic successes within the context of globalization.

QUESTION 6

Discuss the similarities and differences between China and Russia's reforms in the post-socialist era.

QUESTION 7

Compare and contrast the current economic crisis in the USA with that of the former Soviet Union that subsequently led to its collapse in the late 1980's.

QUESTION 8

Despite its huge economic success in recent decades, India still retains many of the features associated with the typical Third World State. Critically discuss the above statement.