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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: APRIL-MAY 2009**

**TITLE OF PAPER:** POLITICAL ECONOMY OF BLS STATES

**COURSE CODE:** PA 303

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

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

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## **SECTION A**

1. The BLS States have been described as dependent economies. Why?
2. The central objective of SADCC was to reduce dependence on South Africa in particular, and the rest of the world in general. To what extent was this objective achieved?
3. Critically examine Swaziland's relation with South Africa prior to the 1990s.
4. Discuss the hegemonic impulses of apartheid South Africa.

## **SECTION B**

5. Assess the argument for and against free trade regionalism in southern Africa.
6. Drawing on southern Africa, discuss the alternative approach to neo-liberal regionalism.
7. A coalition of trans-national actors sustains free trade regionalism in Southern Africa. Discuss.
8. What agency, reformist and interventionist steps can help create a regional order based on universal interest in southern Africa?