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TITLE OF PAPER: WOMEN AND POLITICS IN AFRICA  
COURSE CODE: PA 404  
TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS  
INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

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**QUESTION 1**

Outline the key features of liberal and radical feminism and analyze their strengths and limitations as theoretical tools for explaining women subordination and male dominance in a given society.

**QUESTION 2**

Patriarchy is widely regarded as a key concept in the analysis of male domination in most societies. How applicable is the concept of patriarchy in the analysis of African societies?

**QUESTION 3**

Define the concept of the sexual division of labor and elaborate on Engel's assertion that 'use values' versus 'exchange values' lie at the core of male dominance and female subordination within a capitalist society.

**QUESTION 4**

Define the concept of gender and elaborate on the impact of gender inequality in African societies.

**QUESTION 5**

The degree of women's participation in Africa's liberation struggles did not match the subsequent fruits of independence. Critically discuss the above statement.

**QUESTION 6**

Africa's democratization efforts are unlikely to yield positive results unless they address the gender disparities that currently exist in many African countries. Critically discuss the above statement.

**QUESTION 7**

The sustainability of peace-building processes in Africa largely depends on the involvement of both men and women in these efforts. Critically discuss the above statement.

**QUESTION 8**

Africa's socio-economic and political transformation largely depends on the full recognition of the contribution of women. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.