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TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE AND
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: PA101

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, TWO (2)
FROM EACH SECTION.

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SECTION A**Question 1**

Outline at least four (4) definitions of politics and critically analyze their usefulness to the understanding of the concept.

Question 2

Outline and discuss the key features of the liberal and Marxist conceptions of the state.

Question 3

Discuss the three main types of power and analyze their significance within a political system.

Question 4

Critically discuss the role of political parties in a political system.

SECTION B**Question 5**

What factors account for the growing importance of Public Administration in the modern world?

Question 6

Outline the key features of a bureaucratic organization and critically analyze its strengths and limitations.

Question 7

Define local government and critically analyze its significance in enhancing greater participation at the grassroot level.

Question 8

Outline and discuss at least four (4) main challenges facing African Public Enterprises and analyze the proposed solutions to these challenges.