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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

Discuss John Locke's conception of the state and analyze his contribution to liberal philosophy.

QUESTION 2

Outline and discuss the features of government and its key functions. What is the significance of the doctrine of the separation of powers?

QUESTION 3

Define the concept of power and identify its three major forms. Why is it important to distinguish between the three in a given political system?

QUESTION 4

Define elections and analyze the key ingredients of a democratic election.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Define Public Administration and discuss the reasons why its importance continues to grow in modern society.

QUESTION 6

Outline the key features of a modern bureaucratic organization and critically analyze its performance in bringing about maximum results. What conclusions would you draw?

QUESTION 7

Define local government and analyze why it is considered an important vehicle for greater participation at the local level.

QUESTION 8

African Public Enterprises have faced numerous challenges in the pursuit of their goals and objectives. Critically discuss the above statement. Propose key solutions that may help address these challenges.