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TITLE OF PAPER: POLITICAL ECONOMY OF BOTSWANA,
LESO THO AND SWAZILAND (BLS STATES)

COURSE CODE: PA 303

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY, TWO
FROM EACH SECTION

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SECTION A

1. Discuss South Africa's relations with its immediate neighbours from the perspective of hegemonic theory.
2. Critically examine the view that the European Economic Community (now European Union) and dominant states in the international system perpetuated dependency in the BLS States.
3. The Southern African Development Co-ordinating Conference (SADCC) represented an attempt to reorder the historical patterns of accumulation in the region. Critically discuss.
4. With reference to Swaziland's foreign policy behaviour towards South Africa, justify the view that a state's interests and preferences are never self-evident or fixed. Rather, they are shaped and reshaped by time, space and agents.

SECTION B

5. Critically examine the assumptions behind any one theoretical approach to regional integration.
6. Discuss the asymmetries in integrative gains in any one economic sector in Southern Africa and suggest ways to bridge the inequalities.
7. Examine the rationales behind European Union's Economic Partnership Agreements with regional states.
8. A coalition of transnational actors sustains free trade regionalism in Southern Africa. Discuss.