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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2012**

**Title of Paper:**                    **Advanced Political Philosophy**

**Course Code:**                    **PA 403**

**Time Allowed:**                   **Three (3) Hours**

**Instruction:**                    1.    **Answer Any Four (4) Questions.**

   2.    **All Questions Carry Equal Marks of 25 Each**

1.    How does Aristotle postulate the ideal state? Do you agree with him? Elaborate.

2. What prompted Martin Luther to challenge the practices of the Catholic Orthodox church? Did he succeed?
3. Discuss the main focus of Montesquieu's philosophy. How did his philosophy improve the then liberal institutions?
4. How did Hegel depart from the main trends of early liberalism?
5. In what ways do the theories of popular sovereignty and the social contract relate to each other?
6. Karl Marx argued that contradictions within the capitalist system would bring about its downfall. Elaborate on his arguments.
7. Choose one African philosopher that you are familiar with and discuss how he envisioned the road for development of the African societies.
8. It would appear that the main concern of modern political activists is respect for human rights. Why is this their main agenda? Do you agree with them?

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