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**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION, MAY 2012**

**TITLE OF PAPER:** WOMEN AND POLITICS IN AFRICA  
**COURSE CODE:** PA 404  
**TIME ALLOWED:** THREE (3) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, AT LEAST ONE (1) FROM SECTION**
  - 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF 25 EACH**

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## **SECTION 1**

1. Compare and contrast liberal and radical feminist theory.
2. Comment critically on Simone de Beauvoir's (1964) assertion that, "one is not born, but rather becomes a woman, and biology is not destiny."
3. Discuss and evaluate the analytical value of socialist feminist theory.
4. Comment critically on John Stewart Mill's account of the 'subjugation of women'

## **SECTION 2**

5. Identify and discuss the issues that unite and divide women.
6. What are the constraints to women's participation in politics in Africa?
7. Discuss the contribution of women to democratization and development in Africa. Use relevant examples to illustrate your answer.
8. Using a case study of your choice, discuss the impact of violent conflict on African women.