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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2013

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
(ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH)

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Discuss the major tenets of the Marxist conception of the state, contrasting it with that of the Social Contrast theorists.

QUESTION 2

Why is political culture a significant factor in the politics of a given society?

QUESTION 3

What is the relevance of social class towards understanding the politics of a given society?

QUESTION 4

In what major ways do political parties contribute to the promotion of democracy within a political system?

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

"Public Administration has become an indispensable feature of modern society". Discuss the foregoing statement.

QUESTION 6

In what ways has the performance of modern public bureaucracies fallen short of expectations?

QUESTION 7

Define local government and analyze its key benefits in enhancing the lives of people at the local level.

QUESTION 8

Why has corruption become such a rampant problem within the African Public Service? What are the proposed solutions to this problem?