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Final Examination Paper, May 2014

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

1. Define the State and discuss its functions in modern societies.
2. What are the most important agents of political socialisation and how do they function?
3. Compare and contrast the majoritarian and proportional representation electoral systems. Which one do you prefer and why?
4. Does the Swaziland government adhere to the philosophy of a separation of powers?

Section B

5. Define Public Administration and elaborate on its significance in modern societies.
6. Explain the characteristics of Bureaucracy as expounded by Max Weber and critically analyse them.
7. Corruption is one of the major challenges faced by African governments. Suggest strategies for African government to overcome corruption.
8. The IMF and World Bank have been calling on the Swaziland government to reduce the size of its civil service while the trade union, NAPSAWU, is resisting retrenchments.

Who do you think is right and why?