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TITLE OF PAPER

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

COURSE CODE:

PA302

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

Define the political system's approach and explain how it differs from the comparative government method.

Question 2

What are the limitations of the socio-economic model of comparative politics in contemporary society?

Question 3

A pluralist society is said to allow for a wider distribution of power than its corporatist counterpart. Assess the validity of this claim.

Question 4

Discuss the reasons why globalization is considered to have a more negative impact on developing vis-àvis developed countries.

SECTION B

Question 5

There are stark similarities that characterize the economic crises of the former USSR in the late 1980's and that of the USA in the last decade. Critically discuss the above statement.

Question 6

In what specific ways has globalization impacted on China and India in the past two decades? How have both countries responded to the challenges of globalization?

Question 7

The development experiences of both China and India provide key lessons to their counterparts in the developing world. Discuss.

Question 8

Outline the key features of China's pragmatic approach to development in the context of global capitalism.