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TITLE OF PAPER: WOMEN AND POLITICS IN AFRICA

COURSE CODE: PA 404

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

Outline the key features of liberal and socialist feminism and analyze their strengths and limitations as theoretical tools for explaining women subordination and male dominance in a given society.

Question 2

Define the concept of the sexual division of labor and critically analyze the validity of Engel's assertion that the root source of women's oppression is located in the emergence of capitalism and private property.

Question 3

Patriarchy is widely regarded as a key concept in the analysis of male domination in most societies. Discuss.

Question 4

Define the concept of gender and discuss its relevance in the understanding of inequality between males and females in a given society.

SECTION B

Question 5

The degree of women's participation in Africa's liberation struggles did not match the subsequent fruits of independence. Critically discuss the above statement.

Question 6

The failure to link democracy and feminism has led to fundamental flaws in Africa's democratization efforts. Critically discuss.

Question 7

The sustainability of Africa's peace-building efforts is dependent on the full participation of both men and women. Critically discuss the above statement.

Question 8

Despite prevailing challenges, African women continue to act as agents of social change, undertaking key initiatives that have placed them at the center of social transformation on the continent. Discuss.