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Title of paper: Introduction to Political Science and Public Administration

Course Code: PA 101

Time Allowed: Three (3) Hours

Instruction: 1. Answer four (4) Questions, two (2) from each Section.
2. All Questions carry equal marks of 25 each.

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Section A

1. Define the state and elaborate on its functions in society.
2. What is a national election? Discuss its purpose and function.
3. 'Governments either have a strong executive or a strong legislature'. Elaborate on this statement. Critically discuss which position is to be preferred.
4. Define political culture. Explain what the most important agents of political socialization are?

Section B

5. Define decentralization and explain its advantages and disadvantages.
6. Corruption is a very serious problem in the public sector. Identify major areas of corruption in a country you are familiar with and suggest solutions.
7. Distinguish between the rights and obligations of employees in the public sector.
8. In your view, should the size of the civil service be reduced in Swaziland? Justify your answer.