TITLE OF PAPER: ADVANCED POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

COURSE CODE: PA: 403

TIME ALOWED THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN TOTAL: ONE (1) QUESTION FROM SECTION A AND THREE (3) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.

ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF 25 EACH

1. Using relevant examples to illustrate your answer, critically discuss the relevance of political philosophy to contemporary politics.

SECTION B

Answer three (3) questions.

- 2. Critically comment on Machiavelli's view that government largely depends on force, craft and the use of immoral means for political purposes.
- 3. Hobbes's man in the 'state of nature' is exaggerated and overly pessimistic. Do you agree? Account for your reasons.
- 4 Evaluate the contention that, 'covenants, without the sword are but words, and of no strength to secure a man at all" (Hobbes).
- 5 Critically comment on Burke's assertion that; "the individual is foolish... but the species is wise, and, when time is given to it, as a species, it always acts right".
- 6 Critically discuss the view that successful government must aim, before everything else, at security of property and life.
- 7 Critically comment on Rousseau's contention that, "Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains'. Use relevant examples to illustrate your answer.
- 8. Identify and discuss the key elements of Marxist political philosophy.

TITLE OF PAPER:

WOMEN AND POLITICS IN AFRICA

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ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN TOTAL: TWO (2) FROM SECTION A AND TWO (2) FROM SECTION B ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH

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Despite their respective strengths, both liberal and socialist feminism have their own inherent limitations as tools for explaining inequalities between men and women. Discuss.

QUESTION 2

Using relevant examples, outline and discuss the major ways in which patriarchy shapes the nature and character of a given society.

QUESTION 3

Critically analyze Engel's assertion that 'use values' versus 'exchange values' lie at the core of male dominance and female subordination within a capitalist society.

QUESTION 4

Define gender and analyze the impact of gender inequality in key sectors of African society.

SECTION B

ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS

QUESTION 5

The gender struggle that underpinned the African liberation struggle was shortlived and did not bear fruit at independence. Discuss.

QUESTION 6

Has Africa's democratization experience taken on board the women question?

QUESTION 8

Africa's socio-economic transformation depends on the full recognition of women's creativity and contribution. Discuss.