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TITLE OF PAPER: MODERN POLITICAL THEORY  
COURSE CODE: PA201  
TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS  
INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS  
CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF TWENTY  
FIVE (25) EACH

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### **QUESTION 1**

Outline the key features of political ideology, highlighting how it differs from philosophy.

### **QUESTION 2**

Discuss the key lessons to be drawn from ancient Athenian democracy, highlighting its major limitations.

### **QUESTION 3**

Hobbes' characterization of the state derives from his conception of human nature. Do you agree with his views? Give reasons for your answer.

### **QUESTION 4**

Discuss the major elements of conservative theory as expressed in the views of Edmund Burke, explaining the reasons for his fear of rapid change.

### **QUESTION 5**

Analyze the key elements of John Locke's theory of liberalism, highlighting its strengths and limitations.

### **QUESTION 6**

It has been argued that despite claims to the contrary, Machiavellian power politics remains a common feature of the modern state. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

### **QUESTION 7**

Discuss Marxist conception of alienation and exploitation as the key elements that drive class struggle and revolution.

### **QUESTION 8**

Outline and discuss the key features of radical feminism that sought to address the limitations of liberal feminist theory.