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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**

Discuss the key strengths of the political systems approach, comparing it with the comparative government method that preceded it. What conclusions would you draw?

### **QUESTION 2**

The nature of interest group politics is crucial to a holistic understanding of the distribution of power and influence in any given society. Discuss.

### **QUESTION 3**

The controversial nature of public bureaucracy stems from the fundamental dilemma on the size and role of the state in a given society. Discuss.

### **QUESTION 4**

It is generally argued that developing countries suffer more negative impacts from the effects of globalization than their more developed counterparts. Do you agree? Elaborate.

## **SECTION B**

### **QUESTION 5**

It has been said that China and India's recent development experiences provide a model that other developing countries could follow. Do you agree? Elaborate.

### **QUESTION 6**

The 'collapse' of the former USSR in the late 1980's is said to have exposed the limitations of socialism in the same way the USA economic crisis of 2009 pointed to the contradictions of capitalism. Discuss.

### **QUESTION 7**

Both China and India face key challenges with regards to sustaining their development successes in the context of globalization. Discuss.

### **QUESTION 8**

Outline the key features of China's development model in recent decades, comparing it with that of the USA. Are there any key lessons for developing countries?