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FINAL EXAMINATIONS, MAY 2018

TITLE OF PAPER: ADVANCED POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

MODULE CODE: PA: 403

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1. Answer any four (4) questions**
 - 2. All questions carry equal marks of 25 each**

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BY THE INVIGILATOR**

1. Political philosophy must be analysed in terms of gender and class in order to be understood holistically.
2. Critically comment on Machiavelli's view that, security is only possible when government is strong.
3. Compare and contrast Hobbes and Locke's ideas on the origins and purposes of government.
4. The revolutionary ideal of equality is impossible to realize and destructive in its effects. Do you agree? Why or why not?
5. Critically discuss Rousseau's concepts of the 'social contract' and 'the general will'.
6. From a Marxist perspective, what are the sources of alienation, and what are its implications for the socialist revolution?
7. Critically assess the utility of class and conflict as concepts for understanding contemporary politics.
8. Critically comment on Rousseau's contention that: "Man is born free, and everywhere is in chains". Use relevant examples to illustrate your answer.