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TITLE OF PAPER: POLITICS OF LABOUR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

MODULE CODE: POL 206

TIME ALLOWED TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Answer two (2) questions, one (1) from each section**
- 2. All questions carry equal marks of 50 each**

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SECTION A

1. Define labour politics. In your answer highlight the key issues in labour politics in Southern Africa today.
2. Compare and contrast neo-classical and Marxist theories of labour politics. In your answer, highlight the strengths and weaknesses of each theory.
3. Identify and critically discuss the role of the colonial state in the 'proletarianization' of African peasantry in Southern Africa.

SECTION B

4. Critically discuss the changes in the social and economic status of wage labour in post-colonial Southern Africa.
5. Focussing on any Southern African country of your choice, discuss how the global economic crisis has influenced the politics of labour in the region.
6. Critically discuss the relationship between labour unionism and economic development in Southern Africa. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.