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TITLE OF PAPER : **CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN POLITICS**

COURSE CODE : **PA 202**

STUDENTS : **BASS II AND DIP. JOURNALISM YEAR II**

TIME ALLOWED : **THREE (3) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS : **1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF 25.

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QUESTION 1

The policies of all the colonial powers in Africa led to the down-grading of the chieftaincy institutions. How did the chiefs and other traditional authorities lose their power during the colonial period?

QUESTION 2

Colonialism in Africa was justified on the grounds that it was for mutual benefit of both the colonizer and the colonized. Assess the validity of this statement.

QUESTION 3

What were the main characteristics of the colonial economies of Africa?

QUESTION 4

Internal conflicts and civil wars are a hindrance to development in any society. Choose one African country and demonstrate how the conflicts and civil wars have affected that country's development efforts.

QUESTION 5

What are the external factors that constrain the rapid development process in Africa?

QUESTION 6

'Apologists for African dictatorship offered the contention that economic development had to precede the institution of democracy and respect for human rights. Unfortunately, there were African leaders themselves who subscribed to the notion that multiparty democracy would only lead to tribalism. [Ambassador J.K. Blackwell, U.S. representative to the UN Human Rights Commission, in 1992] Since the 1990s there has been a great shift from one party to multiparty system in Africa. What are the likely results of this move? Are they likely to be positive or negative. Give reasons.

QUESTION 7

In 1973 the King of Swaziland made a pronouncement in the Cattle Kraal, known as the 1973 Proclamation. What was this proclamation about? What are its effect on the Swazi society?

QUESTION 8

The doctrine of the Separation of Powers is one of the cornerstones of democracy and respect for human rights. Analyze this doctrine by choosing one African country that either adheres to it or does not adhere to it.