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FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, MAY 2005

TITLE OF PAPER : POLITICAL ECONOMY OF BOTSWANA,
LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND (BLS
COUNTRIES)

COURSE CODE : PA 303

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS. ALL
QUESTIONS HAVE EQUAL MARKS.

**THIS QUESTION PAPER IS NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS
BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR**

QUESTION 1

Discuss the Proletarianisation process in Swaziland by looking specifically at two things (a) the policy and ideology in the transformation of peasant society and (b) the impact of South African industrialization on Swazi peasants.

QUESTION 2

Discuss the process by which Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland (BLS countries) have become labour reserves for South Africa's rapid industrialization.

QUESTION 3

The new democratic South Africa (post 1994) has re-defined the regional political economy, specifically the labour relations between South Africa and the BLS countries. How has this happened?

QUESTION 4

Do you agree that the BLS countries are "still South Africa's hostages" at the socio-economic and political levels even after more than 30 years of independence?
Elaborate.

QUESTION 5

The SADC, which evolved from the SADCC, was primarily established to counteract the economic hegemony of South Africa in the region. Has the entrance of post-apartheid South Africa into the SADC entrenched the South African domination? Use either of the BLS countries to support your arguments.

QUESTION 6

Compare the processes of class development in Lesotho, Botswana and Swaziland: how were they different?

QUESTION 7

Outline the historical developments that led to the post independence BLS states' economic and/or financial institutions effectively operating as if they were South Africa's institutions.

QUESTION 8

What were the implications on the socio-economic and political developments, in the BLS countries, of the process of land appropriation?