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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**

It is argued that colonialism in Africa benefitted both the colonizer and the colonized. Do you agree? Give reasons.

**QUESTION 2**

In spite of the fact that Africa was colonized by different European countries, there were common economic features that emerged. Discuss these colonial economic features. What effect did they have on Africa?

**QUESTION 3**

Discuss the factors that led to the rise of African nationalism and the demand for independence in the continent.

**QUESTION 4**

The Portuguese colonial policies were intent on producing Assimilados. What class of people are Assimilados? Did the Portuguese policies succeed in this endeavour? Give reasons.

**QUESTION 5**

The One-Party rule was introduced in Africa by leaders to bring about unity and thus accelerate development. What were the problems of this system?

**QUESTION 6**

Discuss the recently promulgated constitution of Swaziland. Your discussion should focus on the legislative, executive and judicial powers, showing to what extent these organs conform to the theory of "the separation of powers".

**QUESTION 7**

Many African countries have experienced internal conflicts and civil wars. What are the causes of these conflicts and wars? What effect do they have on African societies?

**QUESTION 8**

"Contemporary African politics is best understood through the application of class concepts". Discuss.