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TITLE OF PAPER:	COMPARATIVE POLITICS
COURSE CODE:	PA 302
TIME ALLOWED:	THREE (3) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS:	ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, TWO (2) FROM EACH SECTION.

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

The degree of bureaucracy in a state has remained a source of controversy. Critically discuss the nature of the controversy surrounding public bureaucracies in many societies.

QUESTION 2

Outline the two major models for the comparative study of interest group politics and critically evaluate their usefulness in analyzing the distribution of power in a given society. What conclusions would you draw?

QUESTION 3

“The political system’s approach seems to have gained greater relevance as a contemporary method of comparative political inquiry”. Elaborate on the above statement.

QUESTION 4

“The process of globalization is posing challenges to existing approaches to comparative political analysis”. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

How would you explain Botswana’s post-independence economic achievements and Mozambique’s economic hardships within the broader context of underdevelopment and imperialism in the Third World?

QUESTION 6

Discuss the prospects of Cuba’s socialism in the light of the collapse of the socialism in Eastern Europe (particularly the former USSR) and renewed economic pressure from the USA.

QUESTION 7

What are the major lessons to be learnt from the manner in which the concept of democracy was applied in the USA and former USSR?

QUESTION 8

What major lessons emerge from what has been widely termed as the “collapse” of the USSR?