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FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, MAY 2007
TITLE OF PAPER: CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN POLITICS

COURSE CODE : PA202

STUDENTS: BASS II AND DIP. JOURNALISM YEAR III

TIME ALLOWED :THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR{4} QUESTIONS

2.ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF 25

1. Compare and contrast the decolonisation process of any two African countries that you are familiar with.
2. Discuss the problems faced by the working class in Africa in the 21st century
3. How does Tlemcani {in T. Lumumba-Kasongo-Liberal Democracy and Its Critics in Africa} visualise the modern state in Africa?
4. The Peer Review Mechanism [PRM] was designed by NEPAD to assist African countries to improve on the quality of governance but only a few states have availed themselves to be assisted. Critically discuss the factors that lead some African countries not to accede to the Peer Review Mechanism.
5. Choose one African country and discuss the challenges of an electoral process in that country.
6. To what extent does ethnicity stifle the social and economic transformation of African societies into a democracy?
7. Assess the performance of the African Union in its attempt to solve civil wars and inter-state conflicts in the continent.
8. There is an assertion that The Constitution of the Kingdom of Swaziland[2005] has a vital omission in its Bill of Rights viz. the right to form and join political parties. Do you agree with this assertion? Give reasons.