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TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE AND
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: PA 101

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, TWO (2)
FROM EACH SECTION.

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

What is Politics? Critically discuss four (4) definitions of politics.

QUESTION 2

What was the contribution of Social Contract theories to the principles of liberal democracy?

QUESTION 3

Define social classes and analyze their significance to understanding power relations in society.

QUESTION 4

Write short notes explaining the following political concepts. Illustrate your answers with appropriate examples.

- a. Ideology
- b. Legitimacy
- c. Interest Group
- d. Political culture
- e. Authority

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

What are the functions of Public Administration?

QUESTION 6

Is the bureaucratic model the most efficient form of organization to bring about maximum results? Illustrate with examples.

QUESTION 7

Critically analyze the significance of local government.

QUESTION 8

What are the major causes of corruption in the African Public service? How can this problem be addressed?