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TITLE OF PAPER : POLITICAL ECONOMY OF BLS

COURSE CODE : PA 303

TIME : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS

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1. Trace the development of the BLS's economic history.
2. Why did Swaziland's economic development decline after the independence of the Republic of South Africa in 1994 ?
3. Why is SACU seen as having contributed to the poor economic development in the BLS countries ?
4. What is the impact of South Africa's independence on the political and economic independence of Lesotho ?
5. Samir Amin (in Amin, Chitala & Mandaza) asserts that the British established the system of apartheid and then claimed that it was the Boers who had invented it. How does Amin justify this assertion ?
6. Examine the process of social transformation in one of the BLS countries during the early stages of western capital penetration. What effect did this investment have on the society ?
7. Summarise J. Halpern's view on Basotoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland as being South Africa's hostages ?
8. How did SADC hope to disengage from the socio economic domination by South Africa? What were the impediments ?