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TITLE OF PAPER: WOMEN AND POLITICS IN AFRICA
COURSE CODE: PA 404
TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

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QUESTION 1

Compare and contrast liberal and Marxist feminism and critically discuss their strengths and shortcomings as theoretical tools for analyzing women's position in any society of your choice.

QUESTION 2

Define patriarchy and analyze the extent to which it determines the structuring of key aspects of any given society.

QUESTION 3

Define the concept of the sexual division of labour, and critically analyze the validity of Engel's assertion that the root source of women's oppression is located in the emergence of private property.

QUESTION 4

Define the concept of gender and discuss its applicability to the understanding of inequality between males and females in any society of your choice.

QUESTION 5

Outline and discuss the main features of the post-colonial African state that have served to perpetuate existing inequalities between men and women.

QUESTION 6

Despite their wide-spread participation in the liberation struggles, women did not reap the fruits of Africa's independence. Critically discuss the above statement.

QUESTION 7

Africa's democratization efforts will remain fundamentally flawed for as long as women do not have adequate space to participate in the management of public affairs in their respective societies. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

QUESTION 8

The sustainability of Africa's peace making efforts depends on the recognition of the role of both men and women in these initiatives. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.