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TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE AND
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: PA101

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

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

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

In what different ways can the concept of 'politics' be understood?

QUESTION 2

Outline and discuss the differences between the social contract theories and the Marxist conceptions of the state.

QUESTION 3

Marx Weber identified three (3) types of political authority. Identify these three types of political authority and analyze them.

QUESTION 4

Why are elections considered to be an important practice of democracy?

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Is public administration increasing or decreasing in importance in the modern world? Justify your answer.

QUESTION 6

The bureaucratic form of organization is the best form of organization known to man. Critically evaluate the above claim.

QUESTION 7

Why is local government considered as a way of bringing government closer to the people?

QUESTION 8

Wide-spread corruption is threatening to cripple the public service in most African countries. Consider at least four (4) of its causes and possible solutions.