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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

How does Marxist theory account for the origin of the state? According to the same theory, what role does the state play in a) a capitalist society b) socialist society.

QUESTION 2

Discuss the functions of the three main organs of government and analyze them in the context of the doctrine of the separation of powers.

QUESTION 3

What is the role of political parties in a modern political system?

QUESTION 4

Define political culture and analyze its relevance within a given political system.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

What do you understand by the term public administration?

QUESTION 6

What is the significance of decentralization to the efficiency and effectiveness of a political system?

QUESTION 7

Why is it necessary for the civil service to be bureaucratic?

QUESTION 8

The performance of African public enterprises has fallen far short of expectations. What can be done to improve the performance and efficiency of African public enterprises?