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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

Discuss John Locke's conception of the emergence of the state and analyze his contribution to liberal democracy.

Question 2

Define the concepts of power and authority and analyze the significance of distinguishing between the two in a political system.

Question 3

Define government and outline its functions. What is the significance of the doctrine of the separation of powers?

Question 4

Elections and the electoral process are a very important aspect of a modern political system. Analyze this statement.

SECTION B

Question 5

Define Public Administration and analyze its growing importance in the modern world.

Question 6

"Modern public bureaucracies have tended to fall short of Weber's ideal-type model". Critically discuss.

Question 7

Define decentralization and analyze its role in enhancing greater participation at the grass root level.

Question 8

Most African Public Enterprises have fallen short of attaining the goals and objectives for which they were created. How can their performance be enhanced?