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TITLE OF PAPER: POLITICAL ECONOMY OF BOTSWANA, LESOTHO
AND SWAZILAND (BLS STATES)

COURSE CODE: PA 303

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY, TWO FROM
EACH SECTION

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SECTION A

1. Justify the view that the South African State used the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) as a convenient tool to undermine industrial development and maintain dependency in the neighbouring states.
2. Assess efforts by Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, at the regional level to reduce reliance on South Africa.
3. Discuss the domestic and external determinants of either Botswana or Swaziland's policies towards South Africa before the 1990s.
4. A hegemon has economic and military capabilities. It uses these resources to promote cooperation. Show how South Africa used its hegemonic status to induce cooperation from the immediate neighbours.

SECTION B

5. Following the end of Apartheid, some commentators and regional governments expected a non-racial and democratic South Africa to lead a collective effort towards regional reconstruction and equitable development. But others were cautious, they pointed to the challenges ahead. Examine these expectations and challenges.
6. Discuss the assumptions behind neo-liberal regionalism in southern Africa.
7. The policy makers within Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) claim that their central objective is to build a development community. Discuss how this order can be achieved.
8. Swaziland along with Lesotho and Botswana, has signed an interim Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the European Union (EU), but South Africa opposes it. Discuss South Africa's opposition to the EPA.