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TITLE OF PAPER:	COMPARATIVE POLITICS
COURSE CODE:	PA302
TIME ALLOWED:	THREE (3) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS:	ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, TWO (2) FROM EACH SECTION.

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SECTION A

Question 1

Compare and contrast the comparative government and the political systems approaches, analyzing their strengths and limitations.

Question 2

The comparative study of interest group politics is critical for a greater understanding of the distribution of power in a given society. Critically discuss.

Question 3

Discuss the major socio-economic impact of globalization on developing countries.

Question 4

Compare and contrast at least two major bureaucracy types and analyze their implications for the politics of a given society.

SECTION B

Question 5

What key lessons may be learnt from the development experiences of India and China that might inform policy making and implementation in other developing countries?

Question 6

Compare and contrast the development experiences of China and the USA in the context of the current global economic downturn. What conclusions would you draw from your analysis?

Question 7

Compare and contrast the post-socialist reforms in China and Russia. What conclusions would you draw from your analysis?

Question 8

What key lessons emerge from a comparative analysis of the former USSR in the late 1980's and that of the USA at the end of the last decade?