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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.

ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL
MARKS OF TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Outline the key features of the comparative government and political systems approaches to comparative politics and discuss why the latter has gained more popularity over the former.

QUESTION 2

Compare and contrast the pluralist and corporatist models, critically analyzing their underlying assumptions regarding the location and distribution of power in a given society.

QUESTION 3

Define globalization and critically discuss its comparative impact on developed and developing countries.

QUESTION 4

Define bureaucracy and analyze the controversy surrounding the representative and party-state types of bureaucracy.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Outline and discuss China and India's major economic successes and critically analyze their future prospects in the context of globalization.

QUESTION 6

Compare and contrast the crises of the former USSR in the late 1980's and that of the USA in the last decade. What key lessons emerge from these crises?

QUESTION 7

Outline the key development experiences of China and USA in the last two decades, analyzing their implications for the future development of both countries.

QUESTION 8

What key lessons emerge from India's development model that could inform development policy and practice in other developing countries?