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FINAL EXAMINATION, MAY 2013

TITLE OF PAPER: ADVANCED POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

COURSE CODE: PA 403

TIME ALLOWED THREE (3) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS**
 - 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF 25 EACH**

1. Using relevant examples to illustrate your answer, critically discuss the relevance of political philosophy to contemporary politics.
2. Critically comment on Machiavelli's views on power and the state. How relevant are these today?
3. Hobbes's man in the 'state of nature' is exaggerated and overly pessimistic. Critically discuss.
4. Why was Locke so concerned with the separation of powers? What are the ramifications of this concern today?
5. Critically discuss the view that successful government must aim, before everything else, at ensuring the security of property and life.
6. Compare and contrast conservative and liberal political philosophy.
7. Critically comment on Rousseau's contention that, "Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains". Use relevant examples to illustrate your answer.
8. From a Marxist perspective, what are the sources of alienation, and what are its implications for the socialist revolution?