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**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES**

**FINAL EXAMINATIONS, MAY 2014**

**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. Political philosophy must be analyzed in terms of gender and class in order to be understood at all. Discuss.
2. Comment critically on the view that, a philosophy which attributes the successes and failures of politics chiefly to the astuteness or ineptitude of statesmen is bound to be superficial.
3. Evaluate the contention that, 'covenants, without the sword are but words, and of no strength to secure a man at all' (Hobbes).
4. Critically comment on Burke's assertion that; "the individual is foolish... but the species is wise, and, when time is given to it, as a species it always acts right".
5. The revolutionary ideal of equality is impossible to realize and destructive in its effects. Do you agree? Why or why not?
6. Compare and contrast Hobbes and Locke's ideas on the origins and purposes of government.
7. Critically discuss Rousseau's concepts of the 'social contract' and 'the general will'.
8. Identify and discuss the key elements of Marxist political philosophy.