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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

In what way does the political systems approach complement the shortcomings of the comparative government method?

QUESTION 2

Contrary to corporatism, pluralism is widely considered as the best model for wider distribution of power and influence within society. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

QUESTION 3

Why is globalization a major concern for developing countries?

QUESTION 4

Outline the major bureaucracy types and discuss the significance of public bureaucracy in the comparative study of politics.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

What are the key lessons that developing countries could learn from China and India's development experiences in recent decades?

QUESTION 6

What key factors led to the 'collapse' of the former USSR and in the late 1980's and the USA economic crisis of 2008? Highlight the lessons to be learnt in each case.

QUESTION 7

Globalization is posing a renewed threat for both China and India in their efforts in consolidating their recent development gains. Discuss.

QUESTION 8

What key similarities and differences characterize the development of China and the USA in the last two decades?