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BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIAL SCIENCE) YEAR 3
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2017

TITLE OF PAPER: POLITICAL ECONOMY OF BOTSWANA,
LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND (BLS STATES)

COURSE CODE: PA 303

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTION: 1. ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY, TWO
FROM EACH SECTION

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS
OF 25 EACH

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SECTION A

1. Negative sanctions are instruments used by economically powerful states to punish non-cooperative behaviour and foster behavioural change in a target state. Critically examine the effectiveness of this economic policy.
2. Discuss the interdependency concepts of 'mutual gains' and 'mutual vulnerability' and show the relevance of these ideas in economic interactions between South Africa and its immediate neighbours.
3. Assess efforts by Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland at the regional level to reduce reliance on South Africa before 1994.
4. Examine the influence of Dependency assumptions on Southern African Coordinating Conference (SADCC) states' approach to regional cooperation.

SECTION B

5. Critically examine the view that South Africa prioritizes its national interests over regional ones.
6. Discuss the limits of European Union's (EU) structural power. Base your analysis on the outcomes of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between EU and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) states.
7. A regional order is a social construction. Examine the validity of this claim in the context of the neo-liberal order in Southern Africa.
8. Examine the limitations of the market-led approach to integration in Southern Africa.