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TITLE OF PAPER: COMPARATIVE POLITICS

COURSE CODE: PA 302

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

The political systems approach seeks to address the shortcomings of both the comparative government and behaviouralist methods. Critically discuss.

QUESTION 2

The nature of interest group activity is often indicative of the distribution of power in society. Discuss.

QUESTION 3

Why is the nature of bureaucracy considered an important factor in comparative politics?

QUESTION 4

Analyze the controversy surrounding the impact of globalization on developing countries.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

In recent decades, China and India have set an example for other countries in the developing world to follow. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

QUESTION 6

What key factors led to the 'collapse' of the former USSR in the late 1980's and how are these similar or different from those of the USA crisis of 2008?

QUESTION 7

There are fears that China's relations with developing countries may serve to promote non democratic forms of government in the latter. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

QUESTION 8

Outline and discuss the impact of globalization on China and India and comment on their ability to mitigate them.