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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2018**

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

**COURSE CODE:** PA303

**TIME ALLOWED:** THREE (3) HOURS

**INSTRUCTION:** 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, TWO FROM  
EACH SECTION

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS  
OF 25 EACH

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## SECTION A

1. Critically discuss the view that the South African state used the Southern African Customs Union to advance the interests of its commercial and industrial classes and undermined the industrial development of the BLS countries before 1994.
2. Examine the process through which South Africa emerged as a semi-industrialized power in Southern Africa.
3. Assess the claim that both interdependence and Dependence are characteristic features of South Africa's relations with its immediate neighbours.
4. Discuss the changing nature of European Union's engagements with the BLS states.

## SECTION B

5. Following the end of Apartheid, there were expectations that non-racial and democratic South Africa would lead a collective effort towards regional reconstruction and equitable development. Critically discuss whether or not these expectations are met.
6. A regional order is a socio-political construct. Examine the validity of this point in the context of neo-liberal regionalism in Southern Africa.
7. Discuss ways to build a regional order anchored in mutual gains for states, people and capital.
8. Critically assess the potential of civil society to act as catalyst for transformation towards broader inclusivity and a people centred approach to regional integration and socio-economic development.