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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2019**

**TITLE OF PAPER: MEDIA AND POLITICS**

**COURSE CODE: POL 209**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS. ALL  
QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF (25)  
EACH**

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### **QUESTION 1**

Compare and contrast Naom Chomsky's ideas of the media with the Pluralist theory, highlighting advantages and disadvantages of each. (25)

### **QUESTION 2**

Using examples, critically discuss the major functions of the media in politics. (25)

### **QUESTION 3**

Critically discuss the view that the '*New Media*' aids the rise of global terrorism. (25)

### **QUESTION 4**

Explain the following media concepts:

- a)
  - i) Radicalization (2)
  - ii) Stabilization (2)
  - iii) Reporting Frames (2)
  - iv) Political Socialization (2)
  - v) "Article 19" (2) (10)
  
- b) Some scholars suggest that the media has 'power without responsibility.' Discuss what this statement entails. (15)

### **QUESTION 5**

Using examples, critically discuss state-media relations in *Eswatini*. (25)