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TITLE OF PAPER: POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

MODULE CODE: POL: 401

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Answer any two (2) questions**
- 2. All questions carry equal marks of 50 each**

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1. Using relevant examples to illustrate your answer, critically discuss the relevance of political philosophy to contemporary politics.
2. Critically comment on Machiavelli's view that, security is only possible when government is strong.
3. Compare and contrast Hobbes and Locke's ideas on the origins and purposes of government.
4. The revolutionary ideal of equality is impossible to realize and destructive in its effects. Do you agree? Why or why not?
5. Critically assess the utility of class and conflict as concepts for understanding contemporary politics.
6. Critically comment on Rousseau's contention that: "Man is born free, and everywhere is in chains". Use relevant examples to illustrate your answer.