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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES

COURSE CODE: POL 401

TITLE OF PAPER: POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

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**Instructions**

1. This paper consists of Section A and B
2. Answer any one question from each section
3. All questions carry equal marks of 50 each

**Special Requirements:** None

**Additional Material:** None

*Candidates may complete the front cover of their answer book and sign their examination attendance cards when instructed by the Chief Invigilator, but must NOT write anything else until the start of the examination period is announced.*

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## SECTION A

1. Define political philosophy. In your answer, highlight the 'political' and 'philosophical' dimensions.
2. Using relevant examples to illustrate your answer, critically discuss the relevance of political philosophy to contemporary politics.
3. Political philosophy must be analyzed in terms of gender and class in order to be understood at all.

## SECTION B

4. Comment critically on Machiavelli's view that, corruption makes good government impossible.
5. Why was Locke so concerned about the separation of powers? What are the ramifications of this concern today?
6. If Africa is not postmodern, how useful are postmodernist perspectives in understanding African politics? Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.