



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

COURSE: POLITICS 1A
TIME: 2 HOURS
QUESTION PAPER: JUNE 2016 **MARKS:** 100
SUBJECT CODE: PTS1A11
EXAMINERS: 1. Mr T Tselapedi (Section A and B)
2. Dr P Croucamp (Section C)

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1. USE TWO SEPARATE ANSWER SCRIPTS: ONE FOR MR TSELAPEDI AND ONE FOR DR CROUCAMP.
 2. ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS IN THE SCRIPTS PROVIDED.
 3. THIS EXAM PAPER CONSISTS OF 2 (TWO) PAGES.
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SECTION A: Mr T Tselapedi (Introduction to Politics)

All questions in this section are compulsory. Attempt all of the questions.

- 1 In theories of media, define a dominant-ideology model? (5)
- 2 Explain politics as 'compromise and consensus'? (5)
- 3 What is a two-party system? (5)
- 4 Explain politics as 'the art of government' (5)
- 5 What are the features of a State (5)

SECTION B

Answer 1 (ONE) question from the following 3 (three) questions

- 1 Does a 'two-party' system satisfy Heywood's version of a liberal democracy? (25)
- 2 Explain a 'dominant party' system in the context of South Africa? (25)
- 3 Discuss the relationship between the functions of a political party and that of a government (25)

SECTION A and B: [50]

SECTION C: Dr P Croucamp (Political Institutions)

Answer two of the following 3 (three) questions.

- 1 Review the composition, functioning and varying roles of legislatures in South Africa with reference to the constitution. All three spheres of governance should be explained for the purpose of this question. (25)
- 2 Discuss the so-called trias politica. Make reference to the proposed structure of the state, the justifications for the notion of dispersed authority and how it (the trias politica) applies to South Africa. (25)
- 3 Review the discourse on the role and functioning of the Public Protector (PP) in South Africa. Make reference to the Constitutional Court judgment of March/April 2016 and explain how that judgment determined the relationship between the Executive and the National Assembly. (25)

SECTION C: [50]

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