



## UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

NOVEMBER EXAM 2018

**COURSE:** Comparative Politics 3B

**TIME:** 3 HOURS

**MARKS:**100

**QUESTION PAPER:** (A) Comparative Politics  
(B) African Political Thought

**SUBJECT CODE:** PTS3B21/POL3BB3

**EXAMINERS:**

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2. PROF NDLETYANA
3. PROF E BENYERA (UNISA) & PROF H MASERUMULE (TUT).

**(THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 2 PAGES)**

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1. USE TWO EXAM BOOKS. ONE FOR SECTION A AND ONE FOR SECTION B. WRITE THE NAME OF THE LECTURER ON EACH SECTION'S SCRIPT.
  2. **ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS ONLY FROM EACH SECTION.**  
**EACH QUESTION IS WORTH 25 MARKS.**
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**SECTION A: Comparative politics**

**[Total 50 marks]**

1. Discuss the current state of democracy in any 2 African countries. What are the common challenges they encounter in their efforts to consolidate democracy? What role does civil society play in the building democracy activities? (25)
2. "Decolonization processes in Africa were achieved mostly through violent liberation wars". Discuss with reference to any two African countries and focus on (1) the nature of the nationalist struggles for independence (2) the legacy of the colonial period on the political institutions and (3) the democratization challenges that hinder development in these country cases. (25)

3. Identify 3 types of corruption found in political institutions, and discuss the type that has the most devastating effects on the extractive sector in Africa. Mention the various techniques used for the illicit movements of money out of the extractive sector and give an indication of the quantity of resources lost over time in the 2 countries. How has this diversion of financial resources affected Africa's development prospects? (25)
4. Using the case of South Africa and any other country, compare and contrast the electoral systems. Be sure to: (1) discuss the role of elections in a democracy (2) discuss the 2 countries' experiences in the management of elections and give your own opinion on why election related violence continues to haunt African countries. (25)

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**Section B: African Political Thought**

**[50 marks]**

1. Discuss Fanon's conception of depersonalisation of black identity. (25)
2. Discuss Biko's definition of black consciousness and why it was critical. (25)
3. Discuss Nkruma's conception of Pan-Africanism. (25)
4. Critically explain Sankara's theory of revolutionary transformation. (25)
5. Discuss Mamdani's argument on how colonialism entrenched itself. (25)

**Total [100]**

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