



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

MAY EXAM 2019

COURSE: POLITICS 1A

TIME: 2 HOURS

MARKS: 100

QUESTION PAPER: (A) Introduction to Political Science
(B) Introduction to Political Institutions

SUBJECT CODE: PTS1A11/POL1AA1

EXAMINERS:

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(THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 3 PAGES)

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.
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SECTION A: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

[50 marks]

Answer ALL of the following questions by writing the answers in the exam answer book.

Question 1

- 1.1. The media can promote democracy by acting as a watchdog in society and holding politicians to account. True or False?
- 1.2. What type of state exerts control over the entirety of economic life within that state, such as setting up a centrally planned economy?
- 1.3. Social media does not have the power to influence political uprisings. True or False?
- 1.4. A social democratic state has twin features. Social welfare is one feature. Name the other.

- 1.5. What do we call the tendency of political leaders to distance themselves from their parties and government by presenting themselves as 'outsiders', or developing their own political stance or position?
- 1.6. The Hitler Youth and the League of German Maidens are examples of a _____ machine. **(Write the answer in the answer book).**
- 1.7. What does *Glasnost* (Russian) mean literally?
- 1.8. In 2016, Japan's internet penetration was at 91%. True or False?
- 1.9. What type of state intervenes in the economy on purpose in order to promote growth and economic development?
- 1.10. South Africa is an example of a one-party system. True or False?

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Question 2

- 2.1. According to Heywood (2013: 193), "the art of 'spin', practiced by so-called 'spin-doctors'" has six facets. List them.

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Question 3

- 3.1. Name and briefly discuss the seven functions of political parties as outlined by Sadie. Also discuss the five functions of small and/or opposition parties in a democracy.

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Question 4

- 4.1. List the six primary features of the state as discussed in class.
- 4.2. Name and briefly discuss the four contrasting theories of the state according to Heywood.

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SECTION B: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS**[50 marks]****Question 1****Answer all questions in this section.**

- 1.1. In Lesotho, does the head of state have ceremonial or real executive powers?
- 1.2. Which branch of government *interprets* law (adjudicates on the meaning of law)?
- 1.3. Policy-making is a "relatively stable, _____ course of action followed by an actor or set of actors in dealing with a problem or matter of concern" (Anderson).
Write the word in the answer book.
- 1.4. Bicameral assembly means:
 - a. that you can assemble two cameras at a time
 - b. a legislature with two chambers
 - c. a union parliament for all members
 - d. an assembly of legislators
 - e. a parliament without veto powers**Pick the correct number (a, b, c, d or e) and write it in the answer book.**

- 1.5. The SA National Assembly has 400 members. How many members does the NCOP have?
- 1.6. The separation of government powers means that the judiciary is self-sufficient OR independent? **(pick the correct one and write it in the answer book)**
- 1.7. One of the theories of leadership states that leadership is a political skill that can be learned and practiced. True or False.
- 1.8. What is the name given to the 8 principles of public service?
- 1.9. The three kinds of municipalities in SA consist of local, metropolitan and which other?
- 1.10. In the policy-making process, the five stages are: agenda, formulation, adoption, implementation and _____? **(Write the answer in the answer book).**
- 1.11. **BONUS QUESTION!** The primary purpose of policy-making is to do what?
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Question 2

Write short paragraphs explaining each of the following:

- 2.1. Functions of bureaucracy
- 2.2. Functions of legislatures/assemblies
- 2.3. Functions of committee systems in assemblies
- 2.4. African traditional institutions of governance

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Question 3

Write an essay in answer to the following question:

Explain the political systems theory and its use in public policy formulation. Begin by drawing and explaining a diagram of the theory. Then, explain the importance of the environment in policy-making, paying specific attention to the role of political culture and socio-economic conditions.

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