



## UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

**JUNE EXAM 2020**

**COURSE:** POLITICS 1A

**TIME:** Take home

**MARKS:** 40

**QUESTION PAPER:** Introduction to Political Science, Political Institutions and South African Politics

**SUBJECT CODE:** PTS1A11/POL1AA1/PIR1AA1

**EXAMINERS:**

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

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1. THIS IS A TAKE HOME EXAM. THIS EXAM IS OUT OF 40 MARKS AND WILL BE COMBINED WITH YOUR CROSSWORD (10 MARKS) COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EXAM PERIOD. THE TOTAL EXAM MARK IS THEREFORE 50 MARKS.
  2. ANSWER **ONLY TWO** OF THE THREE ESSAY QUESTIONS.
  3. UPLOAD YOUR ANSWERS IN A WORD OR PDF DOCUMENT ON THE EXAM TURNITIN TAB ON ULINK BY THE DUE DATE GIVEN TO YOU. IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT THIS, YOU MUST EMAIL THE LECTURER **PRIOR** TO THE EXAM DUE DATE.
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**Question 1 (20 marks, roughly 400-500 words)**

‘Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely’, Lord Acton (Heywood, 2019: 465).

Consider the above quote and then answer the following question:

Discuss the five reasons covered in the module why the general public have come to ‘hate’ politics. In your answer, also mention two ways, also covered in the module, in which we can ‘mend’ politics.

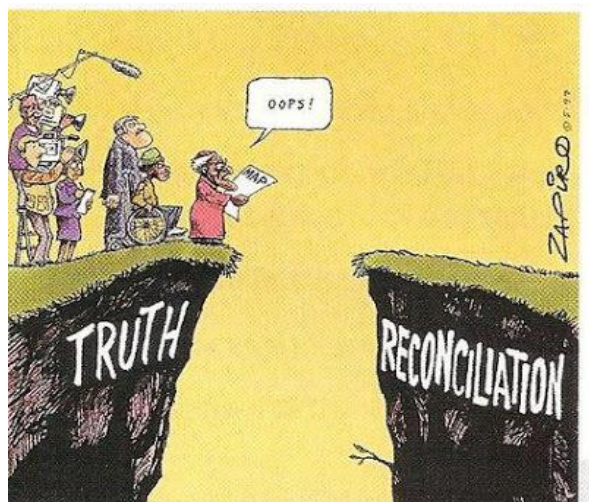
**AND/OR**

**Question 2 (20 marks, roughly 400-500 words)**

Define identity politics and discuss the principles of race and ethnicity, cultural diversity, gender identity, and religion covered in the module. Remember to include examples.

**AND/OR**

**Question 3 (20 marks, roughly 400-500 words)**



Consider the above cartoon and then answer the following question:

Was the South African TRC a success or a failure? In your answer, you must:

- define transitional justice,
- discuss the differences between restorative and retributive justice approaches,
- identify which approach South Africa chose,
- explain the purpose of the SA TRC, and
- note the outcomes of the SA TRC.

**Bonus question (5 marks extra credit)**

In a short paragraph (not more than 100 words), reflect on your personal experiences during the lockdown. How did your experience link to the concepts/terms that you have learned in Politics 1A? For example, the President's various television addresses and leadership styles.

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