



**UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG**

**AUGUST 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:**

1. PROF S GRAHAM
2. PROF V GRAHAM
3. PROF A-M VAN WYK (INTERNAL)

**(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.
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**SECTION A: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**[50 marks]**

**ANSWER Question 1 and choose between Question 2 or 3**

**Question 1 (compulsory)**

- 1.1. Define a 'political party'. [2]
- 1.2. Name and briefly discuss the seven functions of political parties outlined by Sadie. In your discussion also refer to why smaller or opposition parties are deemed important for democracy. [18]
- 1.3. Explain the difference between one-party and dominant-party systems. Provide examples from the real world. [10]

**Choose either Question 2 or 3**

**Question 2**

Name and discuss each of the four ways key ways in which the media can promote democracy. [20]

**OR**

**Question 3**

Name and discuss the six roles of the state, according to your prescribed text. Include real world examples in your discussion. Begin by outlining the 6 primary features of the state. [20]

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**SECTION B: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS**

**[50 marks]**

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

**Question 1**

Discuss the roles and functions of the three main institutions in South Africa's *trias politica*. [20]

**Question 2**

- 2.1. Define public policymaking. [5]
- 2.2. Draw a diagram of the political systems theory in policymaking. [5]
- 2.3. Explain how the above diagram links to the policy environment as well as political culture and socio-economic conditions in the policy process. [20]

**Total [100]**

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