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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

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**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**SPO 103: BASIC CONCEPTS OF GOVERNMENT**

**Date: APRIL 2018**

**Duration: 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions**

- Q1. a) Define the following terms:
- i) Constitution (2Marks)
  - ii) Power (2Marks)
  - iii) Political liberty (2Marks)
  - iv) Government (2Marks)
  - v) Ideology (2Marks)
- b) Briefly examine the characteristics of a good constitution (10Marks)
- c) Discuss any four essential elements of the state (10Marks)
- Q2. Evaluate the role of political parties and interest groups in political process (20Marks)
- Q3. Examine the role of the following agents in political socialization (20Marks)
- a) Government
  - b) Family
  - c) Media
  - d) Learning institutions
- Q4. Discuss any three forms of political ideologies that have shaped forms of government across the globe. (20Marks)
- Q5. Asses the various functions of the three arms of the government (20Marks)

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