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SPO 301: MAJOR THEMES IN AFRICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Date: APRIL 2018

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. a) The abolition of slave trade and the subsequent colonization of Africa by the European powers was a deliberate economic strategy geared towards the maximization of their economic benefit and was not founded on the civilizing mission and love for the African people. Do you agree?
- b) The Pan African Movement played a key role in the quest for freedom and the liberation of African people from colonialism. Do you agree? Discuss and give illustrations.
- c) Discuss the contribution and roles played by any two of the following leaders in the Pan African Movement.
- (i) Julius Nyerere
 - (ii) Marcus Garvey
 - (iii) Kwame Nkrumah
 - (iv) W.E.B. Dubois
- d) The pan African Congress of Manchester in 1945 marked a major step towards attainment of independence by African countries. In which ways did this historical milestone influence the decolonization process?

(30 marks)

- Q2. Many Black intellectuals from Africa and beyond have used their calling to advance the theme of Black Consciousness and the dignity of black people. Discuss any Two of the following:

- a) Mohamed Ali in sports
- b) Bob Marley in Music
- c) Steve Biko as political thinker
- d) Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jnr. in religion.

(20 marks)

Q3. One of the greatest let down of pre-independence African political leadership was their adaptation of dictatorial tendencies and misrule on assuming leadership roles as presidents of the free emergent African countries. Is this observation correct? Discuss and give illustrations.

(20 marks)

Q4. The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the end of the East/West cold war competition resulting to the end of the USSR as a political entity with one super power remaining in the international political system, i.e., the United States marked an end to the frequent occurrence of coup d'états in Africa and in the developing world.

Why did coups become unpopular in the emergent new international political order following this historical episode?

(20 marks)

Q5. There are several categories of dictatorships. Define and discuss any two of the following:-

- (a) Totalitarianism
- (b) Theocracy
- (c) Benevolent dictatorship
- (d) Autocracy
- (e) Despotism
- (f) Authoritarianism

(20 marks)

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