



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**SEPTEMBER 2020\_1 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: POL315**

**COURSE TITLE: Theory and Practice of Marxism**

**CREDIT UNIT: 3**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours**

**INSTRUCTION: Answer any 4 questions**

1. a. Explain how conflict of opposite can be a source of development. (7.5 Marks)  
b. What are the differences between antagonistic and non – antagonistic contradiction? (10 Marks)
2. Identify and discuss the historical epoch of human development. (17.5 Marks)
3. Explain the relationship base and superstructure in a capitalist mode of production. (17.5 Marks)
4. What is the relevance of ‘exploitation’ to the understanding of the relationship between the capitalist and the proletariat? (17.5 Marks)
5. a. What is a class for itself and a class in itself? (5 Marks)  
b. The history of all the hitherto existing society is the history of class struggle. Discuss. (12.5 Marks)
6. a. Differentiate between the Marxist and bourgeois political economy. (6 Marks)  
b. Discuss the mode of production in class divided society. (11.5 Marks)