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FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
2021_1 EXAMINATIONS

Course Code: PAD 305

Credit Unit: 3

Course Title: ELEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT

Time Allowed: 2.30 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Attempt Question 1 and any other three (3) Questions.**
 - 2. Question 1 is compulsory and carries 25 marks while the other 3 Questions carry 15 marks each.**
 - 3. Present all your points in a coherent and orderly manner.**
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- 1(a) Critically examine the meaning of the term “government”. (10 Marks)
(b) With the aid of the social contract theory, discuss the functions of government (10 Marks)
(c) What is a state? (5 Marks)
- 2(a) “Democracy as a philosophical and political process has been subjected to a number of criticisms”. Examine the above assertion in the light of the criticism and limitations of Democracy (12 Marks)
(b) What is a Political Party? (3 Marks)
- 3(a) Discuss the functions of judiciary as an important component of a political system (10 Marks)
(b) What does the term judicial independence implies in a political system? (5 Marks)
- 4 List and discuss the characteristics of a parliamentary system of government. (15 Marks)
- 5(a) Differentiate between Gerontocracy and Plutocracy (10 Marks)
5(b) What do you understand by the term “separation of powers” (5 Marks)