

# UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE

## SELECTED ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY POLITICS

### MAIN EXAMINATIONS

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**Time:** 3 hours  
**Subject:** POL 124E  
**Marks:** 100

This paper consists of two pages including the cover page

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**Instructions: Answer any four questions, answers should be detailed, and your handwriting should be clear to read.**

1. With the aid of relevant examples, critically draw links between crime, unemployment, corruption, and chronic/ deep structural poverty and inequality in South Africa. (25 marks)
2. Discuss the major highlights of the Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture / Zondo Commission and comment on Jacob Zuma's populist mantra on the felt need for a Radical Economic Transformation (RET) in South Africa. (25 marks)
3. The Eastern Cape, among other South African provinces, is facing an unending socio-economic and political challenges. As a student of political science identify these **challenges, causes and impact** thereof. What do you recommend must be done to deal with each challenge that you have identified? (25 marks)
4. Critically analyse the assertion that the African continent has been gaining economically through Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by Multinational/Transnational companies. (25 marks)
5. "The inflow of migrants/foreign nationals into South African territory is a blessing in disguise"- Anonymous. Argue for and against this statement, taking cognisance of the various perspectives available to understand the impact of immigration on post-1994 South Africa's socio-economic and political landscape. (25 marks).
6. Using suitable examples, critically analyse the nature and causes of intra-state (conflicts within a state) and inter-state (conflicts between and among states) across the world (25 marks).
7. Using cases of terrorist groups that you know, discuss the causes/inspiration, *modus operandi* and the impact of terrorism on socio-economic and political life. (25 marks).
8. Identify any 5 out of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations that stand out for you and discuss the feasibility/ possibility of these being achieved within the stipulated time frame. (25 marks)