

# UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE

## Nature & Scope of Political Science

### MAIN EXAMINATIONS

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**Time:** 3 hours  
**Subject:** POL 111  
**Marks:** 100

This paper consists of two pages including the cover page

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Instructions: Answer any two questions in section A and Answer any two questions in section B.

## **Section A**

1. a. Define Political science? (5 marks)  
b. Trace the history of political Science (15 Marks)  
c. Briefly discuss the ideologies of Aristotle on politics? (5 marks)
  
2. a. You are appointed as part of the electoral observer mission to monitor and evaluate the 2024 elections in South Africa. What factors do you consider to determine the extent the election to be credible, free, and fair? (15 Marks).  
b. State 5 factors that can influence Voter's turnout in the 2024 elections in South Africa (10 marks)
  
3. a. State five importance of constitution in South Africa (5 marks)  
b. Discuss five (5) essential components of a state in modern politics (15 marks)  
c. State five (5) importance of rule of law in South Africa (5 marks).
  
4. a. State 3 sources of hard power and two (2) sources of soft power in contemporary politics (5 marks)  
b. State five forms of political participation in South Africa (5 marks)  
c. State functions of political parties in South Africa (10 marks)

## **Section B**

5. a. Give any five (5) major five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (5 marks)  
b. State five roles of the United Nations in the contemporary world (10 marks)

- c. Write notes on any two organ of the United Nations of your choice (10 marks)
6. 3. South Africa needs political scientist to solve the problems we are currently facing.
- a) List the challenges that South Africa is currently facing (10 Marks)
  - b) Write a detailed explanation about the solutions as a political scientist you could possibly come up with to address the problems at hand. (15marks)
7. Discuss the following concepts in politics **(25 marks)**
- a. Political socialisation
  - b. Rule of Law
  - c. Separation of Powers
  - d. Political party
  - e. Civil Society organisations(CSOs)