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**Time:** 3 hours  
**Subject:** Pol. 513  
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## Instructions

Answer any four questions  
Each question carries 25 marks  
Write clearly and legibly

1. Objectivity in qualitative studies or the social sciences is determined by the subjectivity of the individual / researcher. This implies that objectivity is not achievable in Political Science. The term "Political Science" may therefore be considered as an oxymoron. Discuss. (25 marks)
2. Elaborate on how effective political socialization, interest articulation and political communication are instrumental in the functioning of a political system as outlined by Gabriel Almond's model of structural functionalism. (25 marks)
3. The triumph of rationality and science over customs and traditions is the natural way in which modern societies should develop. Using both the Rational Choice theory and Cultural Institutionalism, make a case for and against this statement. (25 marks)
4. Distinguish between the six different types of case studies discussed in your class as highlighted by Arend Lijphart. In your answer, elaborate on some of the misunderstandings about case study research as advanced by Bent Flyvberg. (25 marks)
5. Discuss the rationale for as well as pitfalls of comparative political analysis. (25 marks)