

UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE

Introduction to Political Philosophy and Ideologies

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MAIN EXAMINATIONS

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Time: 3 hours
Subject: POL 211
Marks: 100

This paper consists of three pages including the cover page

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Instructions

Answer any Four Questions

Your answers must not be less than 4 pages for each question.

1. Using suitable examples account for the contemporary rise or resurgence of populist political parties in some parts of the world (Europe and the United States of America) and their retreat in Latin America such as Venezuela. **[25 marks]**.
2. Using insights you have gained from doing POL 211 identify and discuss specific **constitutional, political, philosophical** and **ideological** issues that emerge from your close reading of the landmark judgement by former Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng in the Constitutional Court of South Africa, neutrally cited as- Economic Freedom Fighters v Speaker of the National Assembly and Others; Democratic Alliance v Speaker of the National Assembly and Others [2016] ZACC 11. You are free to make reference to former President Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma's and opposition political parties' responses/ reaction to the Mogoeng judgement **[25 marks]**.
3. Critically analyze the extent Boko Haram members frame their mandate in terms of a fundamental and correct understanding of Islam and reading of the Holy Quran. **25 marks]**
4. Critically examine the positions presented by various types of feminists you have studied. To what extent has the feminist movement improved the status of women in post-apartheid South Africa. **[25 marks]**
5. Machiavelli's book the *Prince* is a 'handbook of wickedness' Discuss the assertion using suitable examples of the behavior of political leaders you know. **[25 marks]**
6. Critically examine and locate the cross-cutting themes that emerge in Diana Coole's year 2000 seminal article entitled 'Threads and plaits or an unfinished project? Feminism(s) through the twentieth century' within the broader context of the status of women in post 1994 South Africa **[25 marks]**
7. Using suitable examples and what you learnt about African American political thought, provide evidence to support the contention that contemporary South Africa is a nation of racial contestations. **[25 marks]**
8. Drawing from your lived experiences in a Covid 19 pandemic environment, evaluate Karl Marx contention that capitalism as an economic system is the root cause of evil in all societies