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AN OVERVIEW OF THE AFRICAN POLITICAL ECONOMY

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Time: 3 Hours

Marks: 100

Subject: An Overview of the African Political Economy

This paper consists of 2 pages including the cover page

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Instructions:

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS

ALL QUESTIONS ARE EQUAL IN VALUE

Please remember that it is in your interest to write legibly

1. Discussions of African political economy sometimes sound like an analysis of the “**political economy of corruption**”. Using any African country of your choice as an example, discuss how corruption impacts on the creation and distribution of societal wealth.
2. Discuss at least three (3) main principles of neo-liberalism. Relate your discussion to the African context.
3. Some groups within the South African society advocate socialism as the “best” route to socio-economic development. Would you support such advocacy? Justify your answer.
4. Most discussions of African political economy portray minerals as both a blessing and a curse. Write a concise essay showing why minerals development in Africa generates such mixed views.
5. How would you define the term “Political Economy”? Provide a concise explanation as to why the term is sometimes difficult to define in precise terms.
6. Within the context of development, African countries will continue to stumble unless they learn from one another. Would you agree with this assertion? Justify your answer.

END OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER