



**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS**

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF
THE BACHELORS OF ARTS IN POLITICAL ADMINISTRATION AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE
SECOND SEMESTER 2024/2025
(AUGUST, 2025)**

BPPS 212: CLASSICAL AND MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

STREAM: Y2 S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: MONDAY, 12.00 – 2.00 P M

DATE: 18/08/2025

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.**
- 2. Answer Question ONE And Any Other Two questions.**

QUESTION ONE

- Identify five (5) major thinkers that characterize classical Political Thought (5 Marks)
- Describe the principles underpinning classical political thought (10Marks)
- Identify five (5) major thinkers that characterize modern political thought (5 Marks)
- Explain Plato's explanations on the origins of the state (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

How does the concept of justice evolve in the early modern social contract tradition? Answer this question with reference to at least 3 of the following theorists: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Kant. (20Marks)

QUESTION THREE

Both Plato and Aristotle suggest that political communities should be concerned, above all, to educate their citizens in virtue. The two ancient philosophers seem to differ somewhat, however, in their understandings of what virtue is and how it can be fostered. What are the differences? And what is the political significance of the differences? (20Marks)

QUESTION THREE

What is the place of the family in the early modern social contract tradition?
(20Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

a) Account for the future of the state with regard to Karl Marx doctrine (10marks)

b) Explain Mao Zedong's ideas on revolution and the state (10marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Both G. W. F. Hegel and J. S. Mill can be understood to argue in favor of a liberal democratic political order. Compare and contrast their arguments in order to show which give the most satisfactory defense of such an order and why?. (20Marks)