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MASTER OF ART IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY
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MPPA 823: POLITICAL ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

STREAM: Y1 S1

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY: TUESDAY, 9:00 – 12:00 P.M.

DATE: 24/05/2022

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer Question ONE [Compulsory] and any other TWO Questions.***

QUESTION ONE

- a) Distinguish between the classical and neo-classical perspectives on political economy. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss important aspects that define meanings of development and underdevelopment using examples. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Using Paul Baran's argument on economic backwardness and economic growth, explain why Africa is underdeveloped despite her vast resources. (10 marks)
- b) Using tenets put forward by Samir Amin, examine how developing countries became trapped in the underdevelopment crisis. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Explain your understanding of the concept of imperialism. (5 marks)
- b) Discuss how colonialism contributes to development problematic in the global South. (15 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Critically examine the assertion that multinational corporations are agent of underdevelopment in the Third World. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Critically examine the assertion that the Bretton Woods Institutions are agents of underdevelopment in the developing countries. (20 marks)