

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO
B.A SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS
PS362: POLITICAL IDEAS

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MARKS: 100

TIME: 3HRS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer **any** four Questions.

1. In Aristotle's theory of government the sovereign is the people. Explain, indicating how people are supposed to exercise their sovereignty in this type of regime.
2. While distinct from the heavenly government, St. Thomas Aquinas secular government is an adjunct and extension of the former. Sketch both governments and confirm or reject this view.
3. The modern state retains many of the features of the Machiavellian state notwithstanding the latter's rejection by today's political theorists as crude and inappropriate. Identify and discuss such features.
4. What according to Rousseau prompts society to form the state (General will) and how does his model of the state differ from that of Hobbs?
5. Sketch and critique Bakunin's theory of revolution, identifying the forces in his revolutionary theory.
6. For J.S. Mill the problem of representative government is not how to form this type of government, but how to its accountability and effective. Discuss, indicating what he proposes in this agenda.
7. Trace the origins of Pan-Africanism, showing its value to the decolonization process in Africa.
8. Negritude is not just a dead politicized doctrine but irrelevant to today's political discourse on Africa. Do you agree? Support your answer.