

# **THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO**

## **Department of Political & Administrative Studies**

### **PS361: Political Development**

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**MARKS: 100**

**Time: 3hours**

Instruction: Answer any **Four** questions

1. Explain the concept of political development, indicating aspects of it that remain a matter of debate.
2. Samuel Huntington warns that as much as modernity is desirable, modernization is usually disorderly and breeds instability. Discuss.
3. Examine the relevance or otherwise, of Talcott Parson's three pattern variables in studying societies.
4. Outline and explain Giovanni Arighi's "Labour Aristocracy" thesis, showing why the African working class might impede rather than spearhead a revolution.
5. Compare and contrast between Frantz Fanon's "revolution from below" and Kwame Nkrumah's "positive action".
6. Using examples, discuss the trajectories that characterised African states since independence.
7. To what extent can it be argued that Africa's independence is as yet to see or witness democracy on the continent?
8. In your view, did the establishment of the African Union (AU) mark any significant departure from the Organisation of African Unity (OAU)?