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 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL III  
 BA IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – LEVEL III  
 FINAL EXAMINATION 2023/2024 (SEMESTER II)  
 DSU3542– POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE: AN INTRODUCTION



**DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS) ONLY**

**Date: 10.08.2024**

**Time: 9.30 am-12.30 pm**

**Instructions:**

- **There are Nine (09) questions in this paper.**
- **Answer ONLY Five (05) questions.**
- **Each question carries 20 marks.**

1. Discuss the political activities people engage in during their everyday lives supported by the theoretical insights you have studied.  
(20 marks)
2. Differentiate politics from political power with examples.  
(20 marks)
3. Describe how the focus of Political Science inquiry has evolved since ancient Greece.  
(20 marks)
4. Identify and explain the mechanisms that limit the power of the state.  
(20 marks)
5. Explain the executive, judicial, and legislative functions of the government.  
(20 marks)
6. Examine the main criticisms against the concept of governance.  
(20 marks)
7. Analyze the significance of the statement "Participation in one's country's politics is both a right and an obligation of citizens in a democratic polity" in the context of an authoritarian government.  
(20 marks)
8. Compare and contrast social class, caste, and gender.  
(20 marks)

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9. Write short notes on **any two (02)** of the following topics:

- a) Common Good.
- b) Machiavelli.
- c) The republican tradition of governance.
- d) Authority.
- e) Political emancipation.

(10 marks each)

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