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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (NEW SYLLABUS) – LEVEL 3
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2014/2015
SSU1242 – POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE AN INTRODUCTION



DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 07th March 2015

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer only five (05) questions. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. How does power function in our everyday life? Explain your answer with examples.
2. Discuss positive and negative aspects of political power with examples.
3. Can a society function without a state? Give reasons to your answer.
4. Explain Max Weber's theory of authority with contemporary political examples.
5. "Political communities are essentially pluralistic." Explain.
6. "Governance without government is becoming a new reality." Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.
7. Write short notes on any **three (03)** of the following topics:
 - i. Hegemony
 - ii. Class conflict
 - iii. Language as a site of politics
 - iv. Michel Foucault on power
 - v. Gender
8. Write an essay comparing active and passive citizenship.
9. Explain the main functions of government.
10. Compare the philosophical focus and the scientific focus of the study of political science.

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