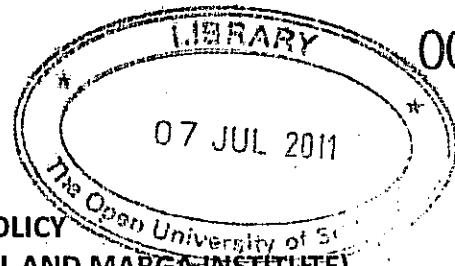




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SSP1225/1218 – POLITICAL FUNDAMENTALS OF DEVELOPMENT
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2010



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 14 November, 2010

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Answer four (04) questions. Each question carries 25 marks.

1. Write an essay on the usefulness of political philosophy in understanding politics.
2. Write short notes on the following:
 - a. Stoicism
 - b. Aristotle's regime classification
3. "Social Contract Theorists provided the rationalization to the modern state." Discuss.
4. Distinguish between Unitary and Federal systems of government.
5. Examine any three (03) of the following
 - a. Consensus vs. Majoritarian Democracy
 - b. Assimilation vs. Integration
 - c. Nationhood vs. Ethnicity
 - d. Civil Rights vs. Arbitrary Government
6. What is "civil society"? Examine the importance of civil society in the functioning of democracy.
7. "Independent Judiciary is the fundamental requirement for the guaranteeing of citizens' rights." Discuss.
8. "While there are basic differences in the welfare state and welfare strategies between the developed and the developing countries there are many variants of the welfare state in the developed countries themselves." Discuss with reference to the main objectives and functions of a welfare state.