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2ND SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

HIST 421: HISTORY OF POLITICAL IDEAS

STREAM:

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: WEDNESDAY [11.30-1.30 P.M]

DATE: 17/04/2024

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer THREE questions. Question ONE is compulsory.

QUESTION ONE

- (a) What roles do political thinkers play in their societies? **(4 marks)**
- (b) Attempt a broad definition of the term “politics” by identifying any three aspects that are central to subject. **(6 marks)**
- (c) Elucidate any three issues ideologies express in modern times. **(6 marks)**
- (d) According to Plato, state was established to help society achieve specific roles. Identify these roles. **(3 marks)**
- (e) What does the concept “State of Nature” express? **(4 marks)**
- (f) Examine the various explanations given by supporters /proponents of the Social Contract Theory on the conditions of man in the state of nature. **(7 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

In which major ways do the ideas of Hobbes and Locke differ in respect to the social contract theory. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

“Utopian Socialism was a response to the serious socio-economic problems wrought by the Industrial Revolution in Europe in the nineteenth century”. Discuss. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

Assess the political ideas of Henri Comte de St. Simon under the following:

- a) Role of Science, industry and Christian ethics in the society of his time. **(6 marks)**
- b) State versus administration. **(4 marks)**
- c) Governance through a three chamber system. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Suggest reasons for Charles Fourier’s dislike for industrialization. **(12 marks)**
- b) Explain Fourier’s suggestions on how industrial products should be shared out? **(4 marks)**
- c) Examine Fourier’s views on the role of women in society. **(4 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

To what extent are revolutionary socialists more united than divided?

(20 marks)

QUESTION SIX

Examine any ONE of the following:

(20 marks)

- a) Gandhi's ideology of *Satyagraha*.
- b) Liberalism.
- c) Rosa Luxemburg.
- d) Political Ideas of Julius Kambarage Nyerere.
- e) Contribution of Rodney's *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa* in understanding Africa's economic woes.

