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COURSE NAME: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT
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TIME: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON
DURATION: 3 HOURS
EXAMINATION TYPE: FINAL

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONSISTS OF SEVEN (7) QUESTIONS.**
- 2. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**

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SECTION A

*Instructions: Answer any **FOUR (4)** questions from this section.*

Question 1

- A. Identify **THREE (3)** Greek philosophers. *(3 marks)*
- B. Identify that Greek philosopher who contributed the most to the rise of empiricism and political science. *(2 marks)*
- C. Discuss **FOUR (4)** contributions of the philosopher identified in **B.** above to the development of political science. *(20 marks)*

(Total 25 marks)

Question 2

- A. Identify **FOUR (4)** Christian philosophers who have played an important role in the rise of the Western Political Environment. *(4 marks)*
- B. Discuss the role played by any **ONE (1)** of the four identified in **A.** above, paying particular attention to the background of the philosopher, their contribution and the effect on Western political philosophy. *(21 marks)*

(Total 25 marks)

Question 3

“Government is the result of a sovereign people acting in concert to appoint a body to administer their affairs for the common good. This is the essence of the social contract.”

- A. In relation to the statement above, identify **THREE (3)** philosophers who have subscribed to the doctrine of the social contract. *(3 marks)*
- B. Discuss the differing approaches taken by the three philosophers identified at (a) above to the proper role of government. *(22 marks)*

(Total 25 marks)

Question 4

- A. Explain the term “communism” as used by the revolutionary ideologues of 19th and early 20th centuries. *(4 marks)*
- B. Identify any **THREE (3)** revolutionary ideologues who supported the advance of the communist ideal. *(3 marks)*
- C. Discuss the background and contributions of any **TWO (2)** of the ideologues identified at (b) above. *(18 marks)*

*(Total 25 marks)***Question 5**

“The structure of the government of the United Kingdom is such that the separation of powers doctrine is almost illusory”. Discuss

*(Total 25 marks)***Question 6**

Describe the structure and explain the role of the **THREE** branches of the Federal Government of the United States.

*(Total 25 marks)***Question 7**

- A. Discuss **TWO (2)** advantages and **ONE (1)** disadvantage of any two voting systems. *(12 marks)*
- B. Explain the role and function of the Electoral Office of Jamaica. *(7 marks)*
- C. Describe **THREE (3)** functions of the Parliament of Jamaica *(6 marks)*

*(Total 25 marks)***END OF EXAMINATION**