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COURSE: POLITICAL ECONOMY
(EC215) EXAMINATION

DURATION: 3 HOURS

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Instructions to candidates

1. Answer only four (4) questions.
 2. All questions carry equal marks of 25.
 3. Start a new answer on a fresh page.
 4. No cellular phones are allowed in the examination room.
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Question 1

- a) Explain the role of personal construction for a leader to remain in power. [10 Marks]
- b) Discuss the essential roles, rewards and privileges for the agents who maintain a political leader in power. [15 Marks]

Question 2

- a) Distinguish between developmental and predatory institutions. [10 Marks]
- b) Discuss social conflict theory. [15 Marks]

Question 3

- a) What is meant by property rights? [10 Marks]
- b) Explain the five functions of property rights at the national and international levels. [15 Marks]

Question 4

Liberalism, Marxism and Structural Realism have for decades been the central paradigms in international political economy (IPE).

How useful are these paradigms to the study of IPE today?

[25 Marks]

Question 5

Discuss the perspectives on constitutional government.

[25 Marks]

Question 6

Write brief explanatory notes on the following:

- a) De jure political power.
- b) De facto political power.
- c) Non – democratic politics.
- d) Hold – up.
- e) State as the grabbing hand.

[2 Marks]

[3 Marks]

[5 Marks]

[5 Marks]

[10 Marks]

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