

**BINDURA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE EDUCATION**  
**FACULTY OF COMMERCE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES**

COURSE : CONSTITUTIONAL LAW  
COURSE CODE : PS 201  
DATE OF EXAM :  
TIME ALLOWED : 3 HOURS  
TOTAL MARKS : 100

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Answer any four questions
2. Each question carries 25 marks
3. Cell phones are not allowed into the examination room
4. Begin each fresh answer on a new page

### QUESTION 1

Explain the concept that rule of law and constitutionalism are siblings in any democratic society.

[Total 25 marks]

### QUESTION 2

Write brief notes on the following terms as they apply in constitutional law;

- a) Absolute majority
- b) Proportional representation
- c) Kitchen Cabinet
- d) Ratification elections
- e) Countermajoritarian dilemma

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### QUESTION 3

‘A constitution is a sacrosanct document and as a result it must not be amended.’ Analyse this assertion.

[25 marks]

### QUESTION 4

Comment on the assertion that the concept of separation of powers is only of academic relevance.

[25 marks]

### QUESTION 5

It is said that the most significant role of parliament is to secure accountability of other arms of the state in a democracy. Discuss how the parliament of Zimbabwe is achieving on this role.

[25 marks]

**QUESTION 6**

'For democracy to prevail, a written constitution is inevitable'. Discuss.

**[ 25 marks]**

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