



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES & EDUCATION

NHIR111: CLASSICAL AFRICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **THREE [3]** questions in all

All questions carry equal marks

Start **each** question on a new page in your answer booklet

Do not repeat material

Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation

Write legibly

Question 1

Explain the historical links between Kemet/Ancient Egypt and the rest of Africa. Support your answer with relevant examples. [100 marks]

Question 2

Using the following text as a starting point, explain the religious beliefs of the ancient Egyptians. Support your argument with illustrations from the "Origin of ancient Egyptians". [100 marks]

"If African religious beliefs are compared with the orthodox Western Christianity, it becomes apparent that there are little essential differences between them. The book of Genesis starts with: "In the beginning, God created the Heaven and the Earth..." God, the supernatural being, omnipotent and omniscient, was incarnated in Jesus Christ, his son born of Virgin Mary. Christ died for our sins to make atonement for the human race and deliver us unto God. Though dead, his Holy Spirit is ever-present. Between an individual and God were two important intercessors: the pastor and Christ. In Islam, the supreme power is *Allah* and the intercessors are the Prophet Mohammed and the living Ayatollahs and *mullahs*" (Ayittey, 1991).

Question 3

Examine the development of Ancient Egyptian Institutions and discuss the lessons that can be drawn from these institutions by the current African political leaders. Illustrate with relevant examples. [100 marks]

Question 4

Demonstrate how Classical African Political Thought can be the key to Africa's innovation and development in the 21st century. [100 marks]

Question 5

"There is African marginalization by the dominant Western-produced International Relations theories" Kelvin Dunn (2000). Do you agree? [100 marks]

Question 6

As a lead researcher of the local think tank in your country, you have been requested to craft a policy brief on Kemet diplomatic system and how the Kemet rulers used a variety of diplomatic techniques in their international relations with their neighbours. Provide the brief, which is also expected to zero on the Amarna letters to discuss diplomatic systems [100 Marks].

Question 7

Write a concept note refuting the claims of Westphalia as the origins of International Relations [100 Marks].