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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS
AHT 813: COMPARATIVE POLITICS IN HISTORY

DATE: WEDNESDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2016 TIME: 9.00 A.M. - 12.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ANY FOUR Questions

1. Give a comparative analysis of the Aristotelian and Platonic models of government.
2. Analyze the main similarities and differences between the Lockean and the Hobbesian states
3. Citing examples from different parts of the world, distinguish between the Parliamentary and Presidential models of government.
4. Briefly examine the main features of the following variants of political organizations:
 - a) Federation
 - b) Confederation
 - c) Unitary dispensation
5. Looking at the overall picture of the African continent, discuss the various ways in which the state has promoted or undermined the agenda of meaningful development.
6. Analyse the impact of ethnicity in the social transformation of Africa.
7. Assess the role of the military in shaping the political terrain of post-independent Africa.