

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO

B.A. EXAMINATIONS

**PS3301 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND PROBLEMS IN COMPARATIVE
POLITICS**

JANUARY 2024

MARKS: 100

TIME 3HOURS

Answer any **three** questions

1. With empirical examples, discuss the tenets of Institutionalism and demonstrate the theory's limitations.
2. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of Rational Choice Theory in analysing the electorate's voting patterns in any country of your choice.
3. Discuss Systems Theory and with hypothetical examples to show how public policies are made in any country of your choice.
4. Examine the phases of dialectics and historical materialism in Marxism.
5. Evaluate Vilfredo Pareto's premise that "History is a graveyard of aristocracies."