



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
2020_2 EXAMINATION...

COURSE CODE: POL 315

COURSE TITLE: THEORY AND PRACTICE OF MARXISM

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

UNITS: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

(17.5 Marks allocated for each question)

1. a. What is historical materialism? **(5.5marks)**
b. Identify and discuss the **six** historical epochs as enunciated by Karl Marx **(2 marks each)**.
2. a. Explain Karl Marx's concept of dialectical materialism **(5.5marks)**.
b. Contrast Marx's dialectical materialism with Hegel's dialectical idealism **(12marks)**.
3. Clearly elucidate the following immutable laws of Marxian dialectics:
 - a. The law of Transformation of Quantity to Quality
 - b. The Law of Unity and Conflict of Opposites
 - c. The Law of Negation of Negation**(5.5 marks each, 1 mark for good explanation)**
4. Write explanatory notes on **any three** of the following concepts:
 - a. Alienation
 - b. Ideology and False Consciousness
 - c. Base and Superstructure
 - d. State Power and the Superstructure
 - e. Vanguard Party/Proletarian Revolution**(5.5marks each, 1 mark for good explanation)**
5. a. Explain how exploitation and oppression informed the emergence of socialism in Europe **(7.5marks)**.
b. Distinguish between Utopian and scientific socialism **(10marks)**.
6. Write brief explanatory notes on **any 5** of the following concepts:
 - a. Class
 - b. Productive forces
 - c. Mode of production
 - d. Relations of production
 - e. Surplus value

f. Primitive capital accumulation (**3.5 marks each**).