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Course Code: POL311

Course Title: Contemporary Political Analysis

Credit Units: 3

Time Allowed: 3Hours

Instructions: Answer any Four (4) Questions of your choice.

1. *The traditional approach to the study of politics was overthrown due to its practitioners being essentially parochial or biased towards Western thought and ideas.* Discuss this statement fully taking into consideration the developments in modern or contemporary political thoughts or analysis
2. What are the differences between a quantitative and qualitative approach in political inquiry? Cite appropriate examples to support your answer
3. Justify the assertion that political science is a science
4. Identify and discuss the three laws of dialectics that summaries the philosophy and methodology of Marxism as put forward by Karl Marx
5. Discuss the common features of the Dependency School of Thought
6. Discuss why the Rational Choice Theory was criticized from methodological to individual optimization levels in its quest for an acceptable method of political analysis