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2024\_2 EXAMINATION.**

**COURSE CODE: PAD 305**

**COURSE TITLE: ELEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT**

**CREDIT UNITS: 3**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3Hrs**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Attempt four (4) questions in All, Question one (1) and any other three (3)**
- 2. Question number 1 is compulsory and carries 25 marks, while the other questions carry 15 marks each**
- 3. Present all your points in coherent and orderly manner**

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Q1a Define the term oligarchy (10 Marks)

Q1b What do you understand by the concept “Iron Law of Oligarchy” (10 Marks)

Q1c Vividly explain gerontocracy (5 Marks)

Q2a “Plutocracy is a system of government in which the wealthy in the society have a great influence on the political process”. Discuss (10 Marks)

Q2b Elucidate on the term dictatorship (5 Marks)

Q3a Define democracy (10 Marks)

Q3b List the elements of democracy (5 Marks)

Q4 Outline the advantages and disadvantages of democracy. (15 Marks)

Q5 Describe the differences between absolute and constitutional monarchy. (15 Marks)