



REFORMED CHURCH UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF COMMERCE

**BACHELOR OF COMMERCE HONOURS DEGREE IN
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

HPAD 127

PART 1 SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATION

TOTAL MARKS [100]

DATE: OCTOBER 2024

Time: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper has *six (6)* questions
2. Answer question *one (1)* and *any* other *three (3)*
3. Each question carries *25 marks*
4. Start each question on a new page

1. Citing specific examples, explain the role played by politics in public administration. (25)
2. With the aid of relevant examples, examine Robert Dahl's assertion that "Politics is ubiquitous" highlighting how it enhances a clear understanding of the role of politics in society. (25)
3. Examine the relationship between power and influence in the study of political science. (25)
4. With the aid of practical examples, explain the roles and responsibilities of the 3 arms of the government in Zimbabwe. (25)
5. Citing specific examples, examine the effectiveness of Zimbabwe's electoral system. (25)
6. Assess the significance of the following approaches to understanding politics.
 - (a) Normative theory (12 marks)
 - (b) Empirical inquiry (13 marks)

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