



**REFORMED CHURCH UNIVERSITY**

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**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: April 2024

Time: 3 Hours

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**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". [25]
  
3. Assess the significance of the following approaches to understanding politics:
  - (a) Normative Theory (12)
  - (b) Empirical Inquiry (13)
  
4. "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely". Discuss this assertion in relation to the effects of unfettered power in a political system. [25]
  
5. Evaluate the role played by the following in shaping the political culture of a nation:
  - (b) Parochial culture (12)
  - (c) Participatory culture (13)
  
6. Citing specific examples, evaluate the electoral system of any country of your choice. (25)

**END OF PAPER**