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(This Question Paper consists of 2 Printed Pages including front page)

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There are FOUR (4) questions in this paper. Answer ALL questions in the answer booklet provided. [100 MARKS]

QUESTION 1

(25 Marks)

Karl Marx – a German philosopher – produced a complex political theory in explaining the reality involving economics, social class, and history and argues that history is driven by conflict between the social classes: the bourgeoisie and the proletariat. His political theory is called Marxism. While Marxism was proven incapable of sustaining a government, it remains an interesting theory for explaining the political conflict and competition in many countries.

Based on the statement above, describe the Theory of Marxist and its critics. Support your answer with examples.

QUESTION 2

(25 Marks)

The Theory of Separation of Powers states that political power should be divided among the three branches of government.

Explain the reasons for the separation of powers and describe how the principle of separation of powers is manifested in the government structure. Illustrate your answer with examples.

QUESTION 3

(25 Marks)

Parties and interest groups play an important role in the political systems and in a democratic society by socializing citizens with political interests.

Based on the statement above, compare between interest groups and political parties. Examine the advantages each has that the other does not. Provide specific examples to support your claims.

QUESTION 4

(25 Marks)

'Low voter turnout in elections is not a problem, since it means that the people are generally satisfied with the progress of the country.'

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Discuss what influence your decision would have on future elections. Support your claims with reasoning.

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