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| FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER | |
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| INSTRUCTIONS | |
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| 1. This question paper consists of 6 (six) questions of equal value. | |
| 2. Question 1 is compulsory. | |
| 3. Answer any 3 (three) of the remaining 5 (five) questions. | |
| Read all the questions carefully before answering. | |
| 5. Number the answers clearly and correctly. | |

Question 1

With the use of relevant examples, answer the following questions:

- 1.1 What is the difference between a state and a nation? (10)
- 1.2 Distinguish between authority and legitimacy. (10)
- 1.3 Define the term government. (5) [25]

Question 2

There are different types of elections in Namibia and these elections use electoral systems. Discuss the electoral systems used in the following elections in Namibia.

- 2.1 Presidential elections (8)
- 2.2 National Assembly elections (8)
- 2.3 Regional Council elections (5)
- 2.4 Local authority elections (4) [25]

Question 3

Most governments worldwide subscribe to democracy. Democracy, however, has some essential elements that should be met. With the use of relevant examples, discuss any 5 (five) essential characteristics of democracy you have learned. [25]

Question 4

About 22 political parties are going to participate in the Presidential and National Assembly elections to be held on the 27th November 2024 in Namibia. Given the above, discuss the role performed by these political parties. Indicate whether these political parties perform their role. [25]

Question 5

The Namibian Constitution makes provision for three branches of the government, namely: executive, legislative and judiciary. The purpose of these branches is to ensure checks and balances between these branches. Answer the following questions about the legislature:

- 4.1 Discuss types of parliamentary systems you have learned. (10)
- 4.2 Define and assess the functions of legislative committees. (15)[25]

Question 6

Conservatism is one of the major political ideologies which was refined by a British philosopher by the name of Edmund Burke. With the use of relevant examples, discuss any 5 (five) elements of conservatism. [25]