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FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER	
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INSTRUCTIONS	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">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.4. Read all the questions carefully before answering.5. Number the answers clearly and correctly.	

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Question 1

- 1.1 Define the term political science and briefly explain why the study of political science is important for governance. (7)
- 1.2 In relation to your country, distinguish between authority and legitimacy. (10)
- 1.3 With relevant examples, discuss the main features of the modern state. (8) [25]

Question 2

Different countries as well as elections use different party systems. With relevant international and local examples, identify and analyse the different party systems you have learned. [25]

Question 3

In democracy, interest groups play an important role in politics. With reference to your country answer the following questions:

- a) Differentiate between an interest group and a political party. (10)
- b) Discuss different types of interest groups and the role they play in the country's politics. (15) [25]

Question 4

Worldwide, governments are formed around three branches. These branches play the role of checks and balances. Answer the following questions about the legislature:

- 4.1 With relevant examples, discuss the two types of parliamentary systems you have learned. (10)
- 4.2 Define and assess the functions of legislative committees. (15) [25]

Question 5

Most countries the world over claim to be democratic. However, democracy comes in different forms and types. In addition, democracy has challenges. Answer the following questions based on democracy:

- 5.1 With relevant examples, differentiate between indirect and direct democracy. (13)
- 5.2 Analyse challenges of democracy as per the two schools of thought you have learned. (12) [25]

Question 6

Socialism has its roots in Karl Marx with his belief in an egalitarian society. Answer the following questions based on communism:

- 6.1 What is an egalitarian society? (5)
- 6.2 Analyse any 4 (four) principles of socialism. (20) [25]

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