SUBJECT: MODULE & CODE:  POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY IN CONTEXT (POL706P1)

MAIN EXAMINATION:  31 May 2016

DURATION:  3 Hours  TOTAL MARKS:  75

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STUDENTS ARE REQUESTED, IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS, TO WRITE LEGIBLY.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- This examination has a total of five questions.
- Choose three out of five questions.
- Each question is worth 25 marks.
- Students should write an essay that is at least four pages long (and a maximum of six pages) for each question that they choose.

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Question 1

In *The Racial Contract* Charles Mills argues that Rousseau’s *Discourse on Inequality* “explains how an unjust, exploitative society, ruled by an oppressive government…comes into existence.” Using the “Second Part” of Rousseau’s *Discourse on Inequality* critically discuss Mills’ claim.

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Question 2

Critically discuss Mogobe Ramose’s claim that *Ubuntu* is not “the basic philosophy for constitutional democracy in South Africa.”

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Question 3

Partly using Frantz Fanon’s “The Pitfalls of National Consciousness” and Chapter 3 of Nigel Gibson’s *Fanonian Practises in South Africa*, critically discuss the role the “national bourgeoisie” in South Africa’s post-apartheid transition.

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Question 4

Partly using his “Affirmative Action and the Perpetuation of Racial Identities in Post-Apartheid South Africa”, critically discuss Neville Alexander’s claim that South Africa’s post-apartheid affirmative action perpetuate racial identities.

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Question 5


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