

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

STUDENT ID: 12345678 (12345678) NAME: JOHN DOE
COURSE: B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE SEMESTER 1
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC
SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

QUESTION 1: Discuss the role of the state in the development of the Pacific region. In your answer, refer to the theories of modernization and dependency, and the impact of globalization on the Pacific states. (20 marks)

ANSWER: The role of the state in the development of the Pacific region is a complex issue. Modernization theory suggests that the state plays a crucial role in driving economic growth and development. In contrast, dependency theory argues that the state is often a tool of external powers, leading to underdevelopment. Globalization has further complicated this issue, as Pacific states are increasingly integrated into the global economy, but also face new challenges from international trade and investment. (20 marks)

QUESTION 2: Analyze the political systems of the Pacific Island states. How do these systems reflect the unique cultural and historical contexts of the region? (20 marks)

ANSWER: The political systems of the Pacific Island states are highly diverse, reflecting the unique cultural and historical contexts of the region. Many states have traditional systems of governance, such as the 'Vaka' system in Vanuatu, which has been adapted to modern democratic structures. The impact of colonialism and globalization has also shaped these systems, leading to a mix of traditional and modern elements. (20 marks)

