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**OPS 225: AFRICAN POLITICAL THOUGHTS**

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**ASSIGNMENT ONE**

**Answer both questions**

1. How valid is the concept of African renaissance in the context of North-South relations?
2. Comment on the assertion that the black man's freedom was in the final analysis an impact of the Negritude.

**ASSIGNMENT TWO**

**Answer both questions**

3. Democracy has become an ambiguous concept with different meanings for different people, at different times, spaces and environments. Discuss the concept of democracy with reference to ancient-Greece democracy, western democracy, and democracy as viewed by freedom fighters like Mugabe, Netto and Samora.
4. Some analysts say that the particular way in which colonialism operated in Africa was bound to leave crucial marks on the nature of contemporary African thought. Discuss.

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**OPS 223: DECISION MAKING AND PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS**

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**ASSIGNMENT ONE**

**Answer both questions**

1. Outline the basic assumptions of the mixed scanning model of decision making and with examples from Tanzania give a critique to the model.
2. With examples from any policy decision from Tanzania comment on Herbert Simon's concept of "bounded rationality" in decision making.

**ASSIGNMENT TWO**

**Answer both questions**

3. By using any power approach to the study of Public Policy, comment on its validity in the current Tanzanian context.
4. Do you subscribe to the argument that because it the people, not organizations, who make decisions, the study of "organizational" decision making therefore is pointless?