



POLDS02 - CULTIVATING SELF LEADERSHIP

FINAL EXAM 2018

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Instructions

1. Answer **Question 1** and **ANY TWO** other questions.
2. You are **NOT** to refer to any texts, notes, or any other material.
3. You have **two hours** to complete the exam.

Question 1 (Compulsory)

“The trouble with Nigeria is simply and squarely a failure of leadership. There is nothing basically wrong with the Nigerian land or climate or water or air or anything else. The Nigerian problem is the unwillingness or inability of its leaders to rise to the responsibility, to the challenge of personal example which are the hallmarks of true leadership.”

(Chinua Achebe, 1984. *The Trouble with Nigeria*, Heinemann)

What Achebe says of Nigeria, can perhaps be said of leadership across Africa. Taking into account the theories, principles, and the practice of Self-Leadership, provide a scholarly discussion of this, in 1000 - 1200 words.

10 marks

Question 2

The following incident is recorded concerning two of the Twelve Disciples of Jesus:

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked. They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. (Mark 10:35-41)

What principles of Self-Leadership would you say are at play here? If you were one of the Ten, how would you handle this situation? Give a *scholarly* response in 700-900 words

5 marks

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Question 3

You are the CEO of a major enterprise. One of your most trusted and hardworking departmental leaders comes to you devastated. He has had a serious altercation with one of his team members. Now a majority of his members are ready to quit in solidarity with their colleague. You realise that this is not the first time this leader has had such confrontations with his team members.

What Self-leadership factors do you think are at play here? How should you address this situation? Discuss in 700-900 words.

5 marks

Question 4

"Religion is the opium of the people" is one of the most frequently paraphrased statements of German philosopher and economist Karl Marx. Some indeed argue that religion and faith have been used by some leaders to escape reality and to shun personal effort and responsibility.

Using the various theories and principles of Self-Leadership, discuss the above statement in 700-900 words

5 marks

Question 5

As a young and upcoming leader, Timothy was advised by Paul, as his coach and mentor:

*Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.
(1 Tim. 4:16)*

What is the significance of this advice from a Self-Leadership perspective? Give a scholarly response in 700-900 words.

5 marks