



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)

APP 103: INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC POLICY

DATE: 16/12/2020

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Examine the origin, scope, and meaning of public policy. (10 marks)
- b) With relevant examples discuss how policy differs from a rule, decision, procedure and a plan. (10 marks)
- c) With illustrations critically analyze the various types of public policy. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss the public policy process with emphasis on the policy actors at every stage/process.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Citing relevant examples, examine how any three theories/approaches inform major policy decisions in the modern governments.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Policy implementation is the most important stage in the life of public policy, discuss.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Evaluate the role of interest groups in public policy making in the modern democracies.