



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 425: POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

DATE: 26/10/2020

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the relevance of political sociology as a course today. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the theory of force in the origin of the state. (10 marks)
- c) Examine the role of public participation to democracy. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

“Governance and politics in Africa is still underdeveloped.” Citing two African countries, explain why the above statement is true.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Power can be both legitimate and illegitimate. Explore this statement in regard to the Kenyan politics.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the role of political parties. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the shortfalls of political parties in Kenya. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Write short notes on the meaning of the following concepts in political sociology:

- a) Democracy (5 marks)
- b) Politics (5 marks)
- c) Good governance (5 marks)
- d) The state (5 marks)