



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 425: POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

DATE: 14/12/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the meaning of the following concept as used in political sociology:
- i) State (2 marks)
 - ii) Nation (2 marks)
 - iii) Government (2 marks)
 - iv) Sovereignty (2 marks)
 - v) Nationality (2 marks)
- b) Distinguish between direct democracy and representative democracy (6 marks)
- c) Give any three major differences between elite theories of leadership and Karl Max's theory of leadership. (6 marks)
- d) State any 4 agents of political socialization and assess how effectively they have performed the function of political socialization in Kenya. (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the meaning of the concept of power, authority and legitimacy and apply them to the operations of a political system of your choice. (10 marks)
- b) Examine the scope of the discipline of political sociology and show the importance of learning it. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain any four content areas that constitute the subject matter of the discipline Political sociology. (10 marks)
- b) Highlight the key features of a modern democratic state and critically apply them to an African state of your choice. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Political sociology as a field of study is both a science and art. Discuss. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the contributions of any four founding fathers of political sociology. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) 'Most Kenyan Political parties even after the re-introduction of multiparty politics, lack democracy in their internal organization, and hence are ill-suited to promote democracy and good governance in the country.' Discuss the above views citing examples to support your answer. (10 marks)
- b) Examine the major factors that constrain youth participation in political leadership in Kenya. (10 marks)