



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)

APP 311: POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

DATE: 13/4/2023

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain any **THREE** key focuses of political sociology. (6 marks)
- b) Describe **THREE** elements of a state. (6 marks)
- c) Expound on **THREE** suggestions of the Idealist Theory of the state. (6 marks)
- d) Assess any **THREE** contributions of mass movements in Kenya's political processes. (6 marks)
- e) Explain any **THREE** manifestations of poor governance. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Giving examples of the current political systems, explain **FIVE** theories of political sociology. (10 marks)
- b) Elaborate on **FIVE** governance issues affecting African states. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Elaborate on the significance of political sociology in the modern society. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the importance of public participation in political processes. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Drawing salient examples from Kenya, discuss the application of the Social Contract Theory of the state. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the demerits of democracy. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain **FIVE** ways in which politics have transformed the Kenyan society. (10 marks)
- b) Expound on **FIVE** causes of chaos in African politics. (10 marks)