



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANTIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

AHT 102: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

DATE: 1/2/2022

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the factors responsible for the rise of the modern state. (6 marks)
- b) Compare and contrast the liberal state and capitalist state. (6 marks)
- c) Outline the relationship between national and international politics. (6 marks)
- d) Explain three attributes of a state with the reference of the westphalia treaty. (6 marks)
- e) Define the following terms as used in political science. (6 marks)
 - i. Regime
 - ii. Political personnel
 - iii. Participatory democracy

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Political science is among the oldest disciplines in the academia. Critically discuss the issues that political scientists focus on in the discipline of political science. (10 marks)
- b) Examine five ways of promoting justice in the society. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Conceptualize the term “political system” and critically discuss any political systems you are familiar with, clearly pointing out their merits and demerits. (10 marks)
- b) Compare and contrast direct and representative democracy. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the social contract theory and critically examine its implication on politics and governance in the contemporary society. (10 marks)
- b) Explain any sources of Political Power. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain five contributions of media on political processes. (10 marks)
- b) Explain five ways in which race and ethnicity have influenced politics in the modern society (10 marks)