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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)**

AHT 203: MODERN GOVERNMENTS IN AFRICA.

DATE: 14/12/2017

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1. (a) Examine the systems of governance in both centralized and decentralized societies in Africa. What challenges do these pre-colonial systems of governance pose to modern governments in Africa? (15 marks)

 (b) What features constitute democratic system of governments in Africa. (15 marks)
2. “Pre-election and post-election coalition governments in Africa are the bottle necks to democratization process”. With reference to Kenya, assess the validity of this statement. (20 marks)
3. (a) Analyse the historical, philosophical and comparative issues that describe modern governments in Africa. (10 marks)

 (b) Analyse the role of external actors in modern government in Africa. (10 marks)
4. “ The post-independent states in Africa’s are essentially failed states.” Discuss. (20 marks)
5. Citing relevant examples from across Africa demonstrate how elections have been used as a legitimizing tool of incumbent political regimes. (20 marks)