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2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER REGULAR EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION ARTS**

COURSE CODE: HIS 317 E

COURSE TITLE: POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT IN KENYA

DATE: 11-3-2021

TIME: 2.00 – 5.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- SEE INSIDE

THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF 2 PRINTED PAGES

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STREAM: BED (Arts)

DURATION: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and any other TWO questions*
- Do not write on the question paper*

HIS 317: POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT IN KENYA

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

Question One.

- a) Define the terms politics and government. (5 marks)
- b) Discuss the decentralised political system as was practised by the Agikuyu during the pre-colonial period. (10 marks)
- c) Examine the application of indirect rule in Kenya by the British colonial government. (15 marks)

Question Two

- a) Some scholars have described the colonial chiefs as colonial collaborators who helped to mistreat their people, while others argue that chiefs did what they did to help their people. Which of the two views would you subscribe to and why? (10 marks)
- b) Citing relevant examples from a Kenya community, examine the statement that the Kenyan communities had well organised political systems before their colonisation by the British. (10 marks)

Question Three.

- a) Discuss the role multipartyism has played in the democratization process in Kenya since independence? (10 marks)
- b) (i) Examine the factors that contributed to the outbreak of the Mau-Mau rebellion in Kenya. (7 marks)
- (ii) In your view, was it a nationalist or a tribal movement? (3 marks)

Question Four.

- a) Critically analyse the extent to which class and ethnicity have influenced Kenya's politics since independence. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the colonial land policies introduced by the British in Kenya after the first world war to 1938. (10 marks)

Question Five.

- a) Define conflict. (2 marks)
- b) Examine any two forms of conflict prevalent in Kenya today. (8 marks)
- c) Discuss the process that led to Kenya being declared a British Protectorate on 1 July 1895?. (10 marks)
