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HCS 4208: AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS AND POLITICAL THOUGHT

SERIES: APRIL 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

DATE: Pick Date Apr 2025

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions. **Do not write on the question paper.**

Question ONE

- The late President Julius Nyerere is often considered as one of the leading advocates of African socialism. Describe his philosophy of 'Ujamaa' and its application in Tanzania. (10 Marks)
- Many African countries have accused the International Criminal Court (ICC) of disproportionately targeting African leaders while ignoring crimes committed by Western powers. Analyze this statement in regard to Africa's engagement with the ICC. (10 marks)
- Choose one African country where personal rule has been a significant feature of governance. Discuss the impact of personal rule on the country's political stability, economic performance, and international relations. (10 marks)

Question TWO

- Explain the role of African political parties in promoting democracy and stability in post-independence Africa. (10 marks)
- Robert Mugabe was initially celebrated as a liberation hero but later became a symbol of authoritarianism. Discuss the evolution of Mugabe's political thought from a leader of liberation to a dictatorial ruler. (10 marks)

Question THREE

- Discuss the role of international organizations such as the African Union (AU) in promoting peace and security in Africa. (10 marks)
- Kwame Nkrumah advocated for a form of African socialism that blended traditional African values with socialist principles. Discuss the key features of Nkrumah's African socialism and the ways in which he attempted to implement this ideology in Ghana. (10 marks)

Question FOUR

- Explain how colonialism reshaped African political structures and governance systems. Provide examples from at least three African countries. (10 marks)
- Discuss Thabo Mbeki's contributions to the continent's political and economic future through his African Renaissance vision. (10 marks)

Question FIVE

- Discuss the role of neopatrimonialism in undermining formal state institutions in Africa. (10 marks)
- Discuss the ethical dilemmas faced by African leaders in the context of corruption and governance and how African governments can address these issues (10 marks)