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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM

HMC 4103: POLITICAL SCIENCE

SERIES: DECEMBER 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

DATE: Pick DateDec 2024

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

- Differentiate between power and sovereignty. (4 marks).
- Explain the three main dimensions to the concept of obligations. (6 marks).
- If Kenya was to change from having a written constitution to an unwritten one, explain five things you would ensure characterize it. (10 marks).
- In evaluating the quality of democracy in Kenya at the moment, explain four democratic norms you would use as the basis of evaluation. (8 marks).
- Why is political activism important in Kenya? (2 marks).

Question Two

- Explain five reasons that support the upholding of constitutionalism in Kenya. (10 marks).
- Explain the three dimensions of power. (6 marks).
- In relation to human rights, explain two things that a democracy guarantees. (4 marks).

Question Three

- If you were to draft a new constitution for Kenya, explain five things you would ensure characterize the document. (10 marks).
- Explain four characteristics of a parliamentary system. (8 marks).

- c. Explain the main characteristic of a presidential system. (2 marks).

Question Four

- a. With regard to electoral systems, explain four goals that a representative democracy should accomplish. (8 marks).
- b. Explain two stabilizing functions of political parties that make them vital in a country. (4 marks).
- c. With regard to liberalism ideology as practiced in the western world, explain four things that are entailed in it. (8 marks).

Question Five

- a. In relation to political activists, explain five methods they use in pushing their agenda. (10 marks).
- b. In the context of pressure groups, explain four key advantages of business groups in a country. (8 marks).
- c. Why is it important for a pressure group to gain the sympathy of the government? (2 marks).