



# **MASENO UNIVERSITY**

## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014**

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**(CITY CAMPUS)**

### **DPS 808: POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014

Time: 5.30 - 8.30 p.m.

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer THREE questions.**



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### DPS 808: POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

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- Q.1 In their a History of Political Theory (1973):4) George H. Sabine and Thomas L. Thorson contend that Political Theory is not just anyone's thinking or any thinking about politics. What is it? Explain.
- Q2. Compare and contrast medieval Political Theory and Modern Political Theory.
- Q.3 In his Beyond Ideology: The Revival of Political Theory (1967), Dante Germino contends that Political Theory had declined in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries but today, it has been revived. Discuss.
- Q4. Either  
(A)  
Examine the contribution of David Easton, Alfred Cobban and Dwight Wald School to Political Theory.

OR (B)

In his book, Political Man: Social Bases of Politics (1960), Seymour Lipset argues that values of contemporary society has already been achieved for example democracy in USA; and therefore there is no need any more for Political Theory in political Science. Critique.

- Q.5 Discuss the contribution of any two of the following political thinkers to Political Theory:-
- (a) Jean Jacques Rousseau
  - (b) George W. Hegel
  - (c) Immanuel Kant
  - (d) Kart Marx
  - (e) John Locke

- Q.6 In their book Political Thinkers; From Socrates to the Present (2009:2), David Boucher and Paul Kelly applaud political thinkers for having

“....shaped the intellectual architecture of our modern conceptions of the scope of politics, and its place in social life” Comment.



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**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
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**DPS 811: POLITICS IN KENYA**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2014

Time: 5.30 - 8.30 p.m.

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer **THREE** questions.



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## DPS 811: POLITICS IN KENYA

### INSTRUCTIONS

Answer three questions.

1. Using examples, account for the transparency, accountability and stability that was manifested in the pre-colonial political systems in Kenya.
2. Discuss the colonial basis that informed the nature of the African nationalist movement in Kenya.
3. The on-going implementation of devolution in Kenya is a reflection of the politics that defeated the quasi-federal state after independence. Discuss.
4. Examine the contribution of constitutional politics to authoritarianism in Kenya.
5. Multi-party elections have hardly contributed to the consolidation of democracy in Kenya. Discuss.
6. With reference to the implementation of the 2010 constitution of Kenya, discuss the view that constitutional law may not sufficiently guarantee democracy.