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SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

HCOB 2506: CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE

DATE: APRIL 2012

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer questions *one* and any other *two* questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a. Explain the nature and purpose of the Kenyan Constitution. (8 Marks)
- b. Explain the main fundamental rights and freedoms of an individual as contained in the Kenyan Constitution. (8 Marks)
- c. In all field of human Endeavour, good governance is founded upon the attitudes, ethics, practices and values of the society. Discuss the pillars of good governance. (8 Marks)
- d. "The rule of law is one of the principles as explained by late professor A.V. Dicey. Discuss these principles. (6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a. Discuss the principles of good corporate governance. (10 Marks)
- b. The new Kenyan constitution has granted statutory powers to the sub-national level, the counties. Discuss how the devolved governments will enhance good governance to the citizens, citing the challenges of the devolved governments. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a. With examples distinguish between unitary and federal constitutions. (6 Marks)
- b. Briefly discuss the major functions of the legislature. (6 Marks)
- c. What is the relationship between ideology and development? (8 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a. “Kenyan constitution is a written formal document which has been drawn up containing all the fundamental laws”. Explain the supremacy of the constitution.
(10 Marks)
- b. Separation of powers is significant in all political governments and many countries of the world are adopting this phenomenon. Discuss the importance of separation of powers in promoting governance in Kenya.
(10 Marks)