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DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

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UNIT CODE: EHS 212 TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

DATE: APRIL 2011

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2HRS

Instructions

1. This paper has two parts: Section 'A' and Section 'B'.
2. Section 'A' has ONE question which is COMPULSORY and carries 30 marks.
3. Section 'B' has FOUR questions of which you are required to attempt ANY TWO questions.
4. The TWO questions in Section 'B' carry a total of 40 marks.

SECTION A : (30MARKS)

1.

- a) Briefly explain the following terms;
 - i) Politics (2mks)
 - ii) Political science (2mks)
 - iii) Polity (2mks)
- b) State and explain the main branches of political science. (6mks)
- c) Evaluate the functions of political parties in Kenya today. (8mks)
- d) Examine the relevance of democracy in safeguarding human rights. (5mks)
- e) Highlight five functions of the state. (5mks)

SECTION B: (40MARKS)

2. "Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely". Discuss this statement in relation to political leadership in Kenya. (20mks)
3. Critically evaluate the role of politics in the contemporary world. (20mks)
4. Explain the political ideologies adopted by African leaders at the dawn of independence. (20mks)
5. a) Examine the political challenges facing post independent Kenya. (10mks)
b) Identify and explain the principles of politics. (10mks)