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**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF RESEARCH AND
PUBLIC POLICY**

CITY CAMPUS

DPP 814: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN PUBLIC POLICY

Date: 28th July 2017

Time: 2.00 - 5.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO.



1. Either

- (a) Interest groups' influence depends not only on their capacity to form and survive over time but also on how the policymaking process is structured. Discuss

OR

- (b) With examples, critically examine the view that focusing on power in the policy process is very crucial for comprehending the nature of public policy formation.
2. With specific reference to Ghana and Kenya, discuss the efficacy of financing healthcare through national health insurance scheme.
 3. Discuss the impact of external debts on poverty reduction strategies in Africa.
 4. Discuss the utility of any two strategies of your choice that African countries have put in place to confront terrorism.
 5. "Devolution in Kenya has not removed rent seeking and patronage practices but rather brought them down to the local level" (Michelle D'Arcy and Agnes Cornell: 2016:246). Discuss with relevant examples.
 6. With examples, discuss any three public policy responses to exclusion and vulnerability in Africa.