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YEAR IV SEMESTER II EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
COMMERCE

HCOB 2506: CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE

Date: Thursday, 18th April 2019

Time: 11.00am – 1.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ONE (compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE

- Briefly discuss the development of the Kenyan constitution from the declaration of East African protectorate in the 1890s to the promulgation of the current constitution in 2010 (10marks)
- The Kenya government structure is composed of three arms/branches namely the executive, the legislature and the judiciary. Use relevant examples to discuss the doctrine of separation of power (10marks)
- Constitutionalism is the limitation of the state by the law. Use examples to discuss the difference between constitutionalism and despotism. (10marks)

QUESTION TWO

- The Kenya Constitution 2010 facilitated decentralization of governance. Discuss the functions of County Governments in Kenya. (10marks)
- Briefly discuss the structure of the Kenyan constitution (10marks)

QUESTION THREE

- Discuss the basic principles of a constitution (10 marks)
- Explain the merits of Unicameralism form of government. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Discuss any two elections systems giving the merits of each (10 marks)
- b) 'The sovereignty of the nation rests on the people'. Use examples to explain this principle (10marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Separation of powers arguably limits the possibility of arbitrary excesses by government. In this regard, describe how checks have been imposed on the head of state in Kenya (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the basic principles of governance. (10 marks)