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THIRD TRIMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CDC 119 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

Instructions:
Answer any three questions each question carries 20 marks each

Question one

a) Citing **three** examples distinguish between power and legitimacy as used in political science. (6 marks)
b) Explain the **three** types power using Kenyan examples to illustrate each. (6 marks)

c) Citing relevant examples differentiate between liberalism and conservatism as political ideologies. (8 marks)

Question Two

Immaculate grew up in a household where her parents frequently discussed politics at the dinner table, her church preached strongly against corruption, and her secondary school teachers encouraged civic education. By the time she was 18, she had strong political views and became a student leader while at the University.

a) Identify the **two** agents of political socialization and analyse how each agent contributed to Immaculates political development. (10 marks)
b) In your view explain which agent was most likely influential and why. (2 marks)
c) Citing relevant examples explain the **four** dimensions of political culture. (8 marks)

Question three

a) In 2022, Kenya's voter turnout dropped to approximately 65%, down from 78% in 2017. Discuss any **five** factors that affected the political voter participation. (10 marks)

b) Explain any **five** political rights of a citizen. (10 marks)

Question four

a) The Kenyan government is considering introducing a national policy to regulate social media platforms. Using the **six stages** of the policy-making process describe how the policy will be formulated. (12 marks)

b) Identify any **four** branches of political science. (4 marks)

c) Explain the importance of studying political science as a community development student. (4 marks)

Question five

Kenya's 2010 Constitution introduced a devolved system of 47 county governments. A county governor is currently in a dispute with the national Treasury over the release of equitable share funds.

a) Discuss the **three** arms of the government of Kenya's constitutional structure (6 marks)
b) Identify which institutions will be involved in resolving the above dispute (4 marks)
c) Differentiate with relevant examples between federal and unitary government (8 marks)
d) Which type of constitutional government style best describes Kenya, and why? (2 marks)