



**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, PEACE, LEADERSHIP AND
GOVERNANCE**

NPLA 515: CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT IN POLICY DEVELOPMENT

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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Instructions to Candidates

Answer **ONE** question only

1. In answering the question you should write a minimum of 1500 and not exceed 2000 words. Font 12 Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing
2. You are expected to give a critical analysis.
3. Your answers will be submitted to anti- plagiarism software and failure will attract disqualification
4. Upload your answer via Moodle

1. With reference to a specific theory of citizen engagement illustrate how the theory you have chosen can be used by a local government to engage citizens in all stages of policy development (50 marks).
2. “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has” (Margret Mead). Using this approach develop your own model of lobbying and advocacy for a specific cause and demonstrate how you can influence policy reform in support of your cause (50marks).

3. Case study Read and Answer all questions

You have been elected as a Member of Parliament for Chiwa constituency in your country. The elections were tightly contested by a businessman operating in the community and yourself a recent public policy graduate. The community however invested in you because you are from Kenda village in Chiwa and your campaign message gave hope and resonated with community expectations for development. Chiwa is a vibrant farming community involved in seasonal farming and market gardening. In 2015 gold was discovered in Chiwa and there has been an influx of artisanal miners some with operating licences and others without operating mostly along river banks. An international mining company was also granted a licence to mine in 2016 and they have begun their operations. The mining developments have led to serious conflict between the artisanal miners, the international company and elders of the community because of the land dispute, land degradation, pollution of the rivers and the decadent behavior of some of the artisanal miners which is affecting the moral fibre of the community. The community has confidence that as one of their own you will address their issues. The mostly young artisanal miners are also excited by the election of a young and energetic MP who understands the challenges facing young

people. The mining company is equally excited that a young and educated member of parliament will enhance a stable operating environment.

- a). Discuss the strategies and tools that you will use to engage and address the interests of all the affected groups in this community. (60marks)
- b). As Member of Parliament how will you use parliament and access to government to advance the cause of your community and other communities with similar problems? (40marks)

End of examination