



SCHOOL OF LAW

PBL1202: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HRS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.**
2. Write legibly.
3. Answer **ALL** questions from **Section A** and **TWO** questions from **Section B**.
4. You are advised to read all questions carefully before answering any.
5. Begin your answer for each question on a new page.
6. **CITE RELEVANT** authorities to support your arguments.

SECTION A

QUESTION 1: THIS QUESTION IS COMPULSORY

The Republic of Munhumutapa, is undertaking a major constitutional reform process after years of political tension and public dissatisfaction with governance structures. The Constitutional Review Commission (CRC) has released a preliminary report proposing that Munhumutapa should replace its current constitution, which critics say is outdated, overly rigid, and susceptible to political manipulation. A heated national debate erupts, with various stakeholders expressing competing views on what type of constitution the country should adopt.

- (a) As Parliament prepares to debate the CRC report, your Law Faculty is asked to submit an academic brief helping legislators understand the various types of constitutions and how each may impact Munhumutapa's political future. Set out the contents of the brief.

[25 Marks]

- (b) Discuss how Zimbabwe's constitutional amendment process, particularly the provisions of Section 328, influences the Constitution's ability to adapt or change.

[25 Marks]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION)

QUESTION 2

There are numerous electoral system models worldwide, yet they are usually grouped into two main classifications. Distinguish between these two classifications and determine which ones apply to Zimbabwe's presidential and parliamentary elections.

[25 Marks]

QUESTION 3

With reference to authority and examples, define the following concepts;

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| (a) Entrenchment | [5 marks] |
| (b) Human rights | [5 marks] |
| (c) National objectives | [5 marks] |
| (d) Counter-majoritarian dilemma | [5 marks] |
| (e) Decentralization | [5 marks] |

QUESTION 4

Discuss any five approaches that may guide the interpretation of the Constitution. **[25 Marks]**