



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES & EDUCATION

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END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **THREE [3]** questions in all

Answer **One (1)** question only in **SECTION A** and **Two (2)** Questions in **SECTION B.**

Start **each** question on a new page in your answer booklet

Do not repeat material

SECTION A: COMPULSORY SECTION

1. Differentiate between authoritarian regimes, hybrid regimes, and liberal democracies? *Defend your answer with suitable examples.* [40 marks]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

2. Compare the presidential, parliamentary, and hybrid forms of executive-legislative relations. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each? Defend your answer with suitable examples. [30 marks]
3. Discuss the role and importance of [ethnicity](#) and regionalism in African political systems. Cite suitable examples. [30 marks]
4. Unitary and Federal systems function very differently. How is each type organized, and how is power distributed? What are the benefits of each type of system, and what are the disadvantages? Cite examples in your response. [30 marks]
5. (a) Do contemporary secessionist movements in Africa and Europe undermine integration and nation-building in the two regions? Discuss and defend your answer with suitable examples. [20 marks]

(b). Define the concept of “cohabitation” in a hybrid (semi-presidential) system. Cite suitable examples. [10 marks]

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