



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES & EDUCATION

NHIR 423: WOMEN, POWER, AND AFRICAN POLITICAL SYSTEMS

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper contains **TWO** sections (Section A and Section B).
2. Section A is **COMPULSORY**.
3. Answer **ANY TWO (2) questions** from Section B.
4. Start each question on a new page in your booklet.
5. Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation
6. Do not repeat material.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

Question 1

Critically examine the impact of colonialism on women's roles in African political systems. How have historical legacies influenced contemporary women's participation in politics? **[40 marks]**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS.

Question 2

Discuss the impact of gender quotas on women's representation in African politics. **[30 marks]**

Question 3

Discuss the key challenges facing women in African politics, and how they can be addressed. **[30 marks]**

Question 4

Examine how African women leaders (e.g., Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Joyce Banda) have contributed to national development and women's empowerment. **[30 marks]**

Question 5

Analyse the relationship between women's economic empowerment and political participation in Africa. **[30 marks]**

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