



RIARA SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DIPLOMACY
NURTURING INNOVATORS
SEP –DECEMBER 2019 TRIMESTER
**EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS &
DIPLOMACY**
DAY PROGRAMME
RIR 107: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE
INSTRUCTOR: R. MAKOKHA

DATE: 11TH DECEMBER 2019

TIME: 2 HOURS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Students are NOT permitted to write on the examination paper during reading time.

This is a closed book examination. Text book/Reference books/notes are not permitted.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Write your REGISTRATION NO. Clearly on the answer booklet(s).
- 2 Answer Question One and ANY other TWO questions.
- 3 Questions in all sections should be answered in answer booklet(s).
- 4 Marks allocated to each question are shown at the end of the question.
- 5 PLEASE start the answer to EACH question on a NEW PAGE.
- 6 For the questions, write the number of the question on the answer booklet(s) in the order you answered them.
- 7 Write your answers in paragraph form unless stated otherwise.
- 8 Keep your phone(s) SWITCHED OFF at the front of the examination room.
- 9 Keep ALL bags and caps at the front of the examination room and do not refer to any unauthorized material before or during the course of the examination.
- 10 You are only allowed to leave the examination room 30minutes to the end of the Examination.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

QUESTION ONE

- a) State the differences between authoritarianism and democracy. (10 Marks)
- b) Describe the role of the State in democracies. (10 Marks)
- c) Distinguish between a State and a Nation. (6 Marks)
- d) Outline **FOUR** key issues from the *Punguza Mzigo Bill*. (4 Marks)

SECTION B: CHOOSE ANY TWO QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Identify **FIVE** functions of the County governments of Kenya. (10 Marks)
- b) Argue for **OR** against bicameral legislature. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Using the concept of Prisoner's Dilemma, explain the impediments to global environmental cooperation. (14 Marks)
- b) Explain the circumstances that warrant a referendum in an indirect democracy. (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Discuss **FIVE** institutions that shape political actors' behaviour. (10 Marks)
- b) Give a critique of the liberalism political ideology. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Examine the voting patterns of the Kenyan electorate. (10 Marks)
- b) Analyze the impact of different electoral systems on political behaviour. (10 Marks)