



**RIARA SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DIPLOMACY**  
*NURTURING INNOVATORS*  
**SEP –DECEMBER 2019 TRIMESTER**  
**EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS &  
DIPLOMACY**  
**DAY PROGRAMME**  
**RIR 202: COMPARATIVE POLITICAL SYSTEMS**  
**INSTRUCTOR: R. MAKOKHA**

**DATE: 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)**

1. a) Differentiate between Comparative Government and Comparative Politics  
(10 Marks)
- b) Describe one approach to Comparative Politics. . (5 Marks)
- c) List **FIVE** characteristics of Comparative Politics. (5 Marks)
- d) Evaluate the limitations of using Comparative method in analyzing politics.  
(10 Marks)

**SECTION B: Choose any TWO questions (40 Marks)**

2. a) Compare and contrast the centralized and acephalous states in the African political systems. (10 Marks)
- b) Identify **FIVE** types of political systems in today's world. (10 Marks)
3. a) Discuss the different forms of protectionism that the USA and China have employed in their trade war. (10 Marks)
- b) Examine **FIVE** criticisms of the Structural Adjustment Programs. (10 marks)
4. a) Does decentralization strengthen or weaken good governance? Discuss.  
(10 Marks)
- b) Assess the reasons as to the weak nature of Political Parties in Africa.  
(10 Marks)
5. a) Explain the role of interest groups in political systems. (10 Marks)
- b) Describe Kenya's political culture since independence. (10 Marks)