



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

**SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2019 END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)
REH 421: HISTORY OF POLITICAL IDEAS**

INSTRUCTOR: JOSEPH OGUTU

DATE: 13TH 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 books/reference books/notes are not permitted.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write your **ADMISSION NUMBER** clearly on the cover of 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. Indicate the number of the questions answered on the cover of 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 30 minutes to the end of the Examination.

QUESTION ONE: COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following concepts.
- i. Politics (2 marks)
 - ii. Political science (2 marks)
 - iii. Political ideology. (2 marks)
 - iv. Democracy? (2 marks)
 - v. Government? (2 marks)
- b) Explain the importance of studying history of political ideas? (6 marks)
- c) Analyze the political ideas of Plato. (10 marks)
- d) Differentiate between power and authority. (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Analyze the features of an ideal state according to Aristotle. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

With reference to either St Augustine of Hippo or St Thomas Aquinas, examine the medieval political thought. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Assess Machiavelli's contribution to secularization of politics during the Renaissance. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Examine the political ideas of the Enlightenment. (20 marks)