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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF
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SECOND SEMESTER 2024/2025
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DPAD 0111: INTRODUCTION TO DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

STREAM: Y1 S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: MONDAY, 3.00 – 5.00 P M

DATE: 11/08/2025

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.**
- 2. Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other TWO Questions**

QUESTION ONE.

- a) Where democracy was first practiced? (2Mks)
- b) State and explain why democracy is better than other forms of government (4Mks)
- c) State any **four (4)** principles of democracy. (4Mks)
- d) What are the essential characteristics of democracy? (6Mks)
- e) Compare the rights of citizens to engage in elections verses the responsibility of elected leaders in democratic elections. Is it necessary to vote based on your answers above? (12Mks)

SECTION (B)

QUESTION TWO.

- i. Illustrate various methods of exercising democracy you know and pick the best in your view giving adequate reasons for your choice (10 Mks)
- ii. What is organizational democracy? Is it important? (5Mks)
- iii. How should parents inculcate the basic tenets of democracy in their children from a young age? (5Mks)

QUESTION THREE

- i. What is voter apathy? (2Mks)
- ii. Briefly trace the history of democracy in Kenya? (5 Mks)
- iii. Differentiate between direct and indirect democracy. (3Mks)
- iv. As a citizen illustrate how you can exercise your democratic right effectively. (10Mks)

QUESTION FOUR

As a Kenyan, what **ten (10)** questions will you ask yourself before electing a leader into a certain position he/she is vying for in the next general election? (20Mks)