



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS
FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF
THE BACHELORS OF ARTS IN POLITICAL ADMINISTRATION AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE
SECOND SEMESTER 2024/2025
(AUGUST, 2025)

BPPS 123: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY

STREAM: Y1 S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: TUESDAY, 12.00 – 2.00 P M

DATE: 12/08/2025

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.**
- 2. Answer Question ONE And Any Other Two questions.**

QUESTION ONE

Explain the theory of the state according to the following political thinkers

(30Marks)

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| i. | Plato | [5Marks) |
| ii. | Aristotle | [5Marks) |
| iii. | Socrates | [5Marks) |
| iv. | Karl Marx | [5Marks) |
| v. | Catherine MacKinnon | [5Marks) |
| vi. | John Rawls | [5Marks) |

QUESTION TWO

- i. With support from the relevant political thinkers, present the major arguments of the social contract theory of the state (5 Marks)
- ii. Demonstrate the relevance of the social theory to governance in modern day Kenya (15 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- i. With support from relevant political thinkers, differentiate between theories of liberalism and libertarianism (5 Marks)
- ii. Demonstrate the relevance of the liberalism theory to economic development in Kenya (15 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- i. Describe the core principles of democratic theory (5 Marks)
- ii. Using the arguments from Jürgen Habermas, demonstrate the importance of deliberative democracy in Kenya's political governance (15 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- i. Differentiate between the primordialist and modernist theories of nationalism (5 Marks)
- ii. Explain how nationalism is indispensable to state formation in an African country of your choice (15 Marks)