



**KISII UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE**  
**DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**  
**SECOND SEMESTER 2021/2022**  
**[JUNE-SEPTEMBER, 2022]**

**HIST 421: HISTORY OF POLITICAL STUDIES**

**STREAM: Y4 S2**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY: FRIDAY, 12:00 – 2:00 PM**

**DATE: 16/09/2022**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.**
- 2. Answers question ONE and any other TWO questions.**

1. a) Explain the scope of History of political ideas. (10marks)
- b) What are the features of a democratic state? (10marks)
- c) Explain briefly the merits and demerits of Monarchical system of government. (10marks)
2. a) Discuss the ideas of Cicero on good governance. (10marks)
- b) Why are Plato's ideas regarded as best in ancient Greece Philosophy? (10marks)
3. a) Discuss Machiavellian political thought. (10marks)
- b) Explain an ideal state according to Aristotle. (10marks)

4. a) Was Karl Marx a capitalist or a communist? Discuss your position with evidence. (10marks)

b) Explain St. Augustine's theory of two cities. (10marks)

5 a) Explain political absolutism according to Adolf Hitler in ancient Germany. (10marks)

b) Explain five political aspects in ancient Islam. (10marks)