



## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS AND BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**SECOND SEMESTER 2023/2024**

**[JAN - APRIL, 2024]**

### **HIST 221: THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF PARLIAMENT**

**STREAM: Y2 S2**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY: MONDAY, 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.**

**DATE: 22/04/2024**

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.***

1. a) Explain the meaning of parliament, parliamentary supremacy and the principles of parliamentary supremacy. (10 marks)

b) Discuss the functions of parliament in a democratic country. Use relevant examples for your answer. (20 marks)

2. Discuss the origin and development of parliamentary system of government in England (20 marks)

3. a) State the main features of US Congress. (5 marks)

b) Trace the historical development of parliament in Britain. (15 marks)

4. a) What is meant by *devolved system* of government? (3 marks)

b) Explain the developments realized as a result of deconvolution in Kenya. Give examples for your answer. (17 marks)

5. a) Examine the features of precolonial systems of governments in Kenya.  
(10 marks)

b) What were the main functions of council of Elders among the Kenyan communities in the pre-colonial period?  
(10 marks)