



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

APP 204: PUBLIC CHOICE

DATE: 6/12/2021

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following terms as used in public choice: -
 - i. Participatory Democracy.
 - ii. Political class (6 marks)
- b) Highlight six rights as a Kenyan voter. (6 marks)
- c) Evaluate three characteristics of public administration. (6 marks)
- d) Discuss six democratic challenges faced by African countries. (6 marks)
- e) Outline the importance of interest groups in a democratic society. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Media has generated both positive and negative outcomes in public choice. Basing your argument on the above statement discuss the impacts of media on public choice. (15 marks)
- b) State five obstacles in voting (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine how modern information technology has influenced politics and governance in the contemporary society. (10 marks)
- b) Explain five sources of Political Power. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss critically five ways in which race and ethnicity have influenced politics and elections in the modern society (10 marks)
- b) Outline five functions of political parties (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Public choice theory is about applying economics to political science (Economic study of non-market decision making. Justify with Kenyan practical examples (10 marks)
- b) Globalization has really undermined democracies mostly in Africa. Explain the effects of globalization (10 marks)