



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AHT 437: HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT SINCE 1600CE

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Using examples, explain the relevance of political ideologies in the governance of any state (15 marks)
- b) With reference to the political philosophy of Joseph Stalin, discuss the suitability of totalitarianism as a system of governance. (15 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Compare and contrast the Hobbesian and Lockean States of nature. Does either of them justify the necessity of a state?

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

“The greatest problem of capitalism is poverty to majority of the citizens in a country.” Discuss the truth or falsity of this statement in light of Marxist political thought.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Critically examine the strengths and shortcomings of Leninism as a political ideology

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the contribution of Jacques Derrida to contemporary political thought.