



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)

APP 204: PUBLIC CHOICE

DATE: 16/8/2021

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS.**

## QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)(30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following concepts as used in Public Administration: -
- (i) Monocentric administration.
  - (ii) New public Administration. (6 marks)
- b) Explain the key features of the theory of public choice theory. (6 marks)
- c) Evaluate James M. Buchanan views on the theory of public choice. (6 marks)
- d) Explain three challenges faced by developing countries in economic development. (6 marks)
- e) Discuss three features of Kenyan development administrative. (6 marks)

## QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Using examples, Discuss the corruption in public service in Kenya and suggest solutions to the manace.

## QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

State organizations (agencies) are very key in developmental administration and quality delivery of services and goods. Write some shorts notes on the following governmental agencies focusing on their mission, vision, functions and challenges they do face in their operations.

- a) Independent electoral and boundaries commission
- b) Higher Education Loans Board
- c) Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
- d) Judicial Service Commission

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Assuming that you are governor of Machakos county, summon a public meeting for public participation ideally to get opinions for developmental policies to better and grow your county politically, socially and economically (Having in mind that public choice is key). Critically consider the public opinions and come up with a county government strategic development plan.

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss how political transparency and accountability influence the quality of political representation (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the assertion that ‘Democracies would spend a higher share of the budgets on genuine public goods’. (10 marks)