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1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

HIST 311: GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTIONS

STREAM:

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: TUESDAY [14.30-16.30 P.M]

DATE: 05/12/2023

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and any other TWO.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Explain the meaning of the following
 - i) Government (3 marks)
 - ii) Power (3 marks)
 - iii) Authority (3 marks)
 - iv) Legitimacy (3 marks)
 - v) Constitution and its four elements (4 marks)
 - vi) The State and its defining features (4 marks)

- b) “The President of the Republic of Kenya is both the Head of State and Government”.
Elucidate any three functions that the President performs for each of these two positions. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Assess the political ideas of Plato in relation to the following:

- a) The features of a harmonious soul and their reflection in society and governance (6 marks)
- b) The reasons for the origins of government? (3 marks)
- c) The problems of oligarchy and democratic systems of governments in Athens of his time (6 marks)
- d) Important features of his Ideal State (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Define the term “Teleology” as expressed in Aristotle’s political ideology (4 marks)
- b) Discuss Aristotle’s stages of state formation (8 marks)
- c) Citing specific examples, demonstrate what Aristotle meant by the terms “normal” and “perverted” states. (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Examine Aurelius Augustinus (St. Augustine) political ideas along the following:

- a) Sin and its impact on human history and government (5 marks)
- b) Government as a Divine institution (5 marks)
- c) The Church and state relations (5 marks)
- d) The Just war theory (5 marks)



QUESTION FIVE

How was government organized in EITHER Buganda or Wanga Kingdoms before the coming of Europeans? **(20 marks)**

QUESTION SIX

Discuss any **ONE** of the following **(20 marks)**

- a) Evolution of divine Kingship in EITHER Mesopotamia OR ancient Egypt
- b) The *Magna Carta*
- c) Causes of the English Civil War and the Glorious Revolution
- d) Challenges of governance in independent Africa

