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1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS AND
SOCIOLOGY

SOCI 414: POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

STREAM:

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: WEDNESDAY [14.30-16.30 P.M] DATE: 13/12/2023

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES

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Instructions

- a) Answer question **ONE** and any other two questions from the list below
- b) Provide relevant examples where necessary

QUESTION ONE

- a) Explain the scope of political sociology **[10Marks]**
- b) Discuss three elements of political ideology **[10Marks]**
- c) “Self-preservation is one of the essential functions of the state.” Explain four mechanisms employed by the state to assert its sovereignty over its territory. **[10 Marks]**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Explain any three types of governments in modern societies **[10Marks]**
- a) Examine any three factors that influence the effectiveness of political parties in checking the powers of the governing party or coalition **[10Marks]**

QUESTION THREE

- b) Examine the four essential elements of the state **[15Marks]**
- c) Explain any three conditions necessary for the effective nurturance of Nation-State **[10Marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Explain any three conditions essential for the development of a democratic culture in political institutions **[10Marks]**
- b) Basing your responses on Elite Theory of the state, to what extent do you concur that the theory’s main proportions apply to Kenya? **[10Marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Citing relevant examples from Kenya, identify and explain four functions of interest groups in the political space. **[10Marks]**
- b) Explain any three weaknesses of the Pluralist Model in its analysis of the political processes in society. **[10Marks]**

