



GRE TSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS JANUARY - APRIL 2021 SEMESTER

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: GEOG 403

COURSE TITLE: POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

DATE: 07 MAY 2021

TIME: 3.00 PM - 6.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
3. **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
4. ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

CAUTION: *All exam rooms are under CCTV surveillance during the examination period.*

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

QUESTION ONE

- a) Various governments have come up with international agreement to maintain law of the sea. Discuss any four international law of the sea as stipulated by the United Nations in the 1958 convention that cover territorial sea limits. **[8 Marks]**
- b) Kenya is preparing to change the constitution through building bridges initiatives. This will be done through a referendum. Discuss four roles played by a referendum in Kenya. **[8 Marks]**
- c) Devolution is central towards movement of power from the central government to regional states. Explain the meaning of devolution while discussing three devolutionary forces that arise from internal division **[8 Marks]**
- d) Kenya has been experiencing conflict with its neighbour at its border. Discuss four ways through which boundaries cause conflict. **[8 Marks]**
- e) A country's shape may affect wellbeing of a state by hindering effective organization. Discuss any four types of shapes of a state identifying their effect on political organization. **[8 Marks]**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION TWO

- a) A state has become the dominant form of political organization in the world. Discuss four characteristics of a state. **[12 Marks]**
- b) In the process of their operations, states face many challenges. Evaluate any four challenges faced by state or nation-state that inhibit its political operations. **[8 Marks]**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Kenya has been experiencing political instability for a long time. As a political geographer discuss five factors that undermine national unity. **[10 Marks]**
- b) Discuss five effect of political instability towards the political system of our country Kenya. **[10 Marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Democratic theorists have paid great attention to political representation. Discuss any five forms of representation citing examples. **[12 Marks]**
- b) Kenyan elections are carried out every five years. Discuss the roles played by elections using four points in Kenya. **[8 Marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) According to Kenyan constitution, every Kenyan eighteen years and above citizen has the right to voting, In your own view discuss whether the Kenyan voting system give a fair representation using well elaborated five points. **[10 Marks]**
- b) Mass Media has a great influence towards Kenyan elections. Discuss five ways in which Mass Media elections in Kenya. **[10 Marks]**