



School of Arts and Humanities

Department of Peace and International Studies

January 2019 Semester

DIR 010 Introduction to Political Science

Final Exam

Time: 2 Hours

Instructions:

1. Answer **all** questions in Section A and **any** other **three** in Section B.
2. The exam is two hours long.
3. This is not an open book exam. Any form of cheating will lead to immediate to immediate dismissal from the exam room. The candidate will earn a failing grade.
4. Follow the instructions carefully.
5. Do not write on this question paper.
6. Please write legibly

Section A: Attempt All the Questions (30 Marks)

1. Define the following terms
 - a. Political science (2 Marks)
 - b. Sovereignty (2 Marks)
 - c. Interest groups (2 Marks)
 - d. International relations (2 Marks)
 - e. Political culture (2 Marks)
2. Differentiate between power and authority (4 Marks)
3. Highlight on the three basic institutions of government (6 Marks)
4. List and briefly discuss any five functions of political parties in Africa (10 Marks)

Section B: Answer Any Three Questions (30 Marks)

1. Discuss some of the major characteristics that a democratic political system must have in order to function (10 Marks)
2. With examples of modern states, differentiate between a totalitarian and autocratic classification of states (10 Marks)
3. With the understanding of the Kenyan government, discuss the functions of the legislature (10 Marks)
4. In the context of a free democratic government, analyze the role of the executive power (The Executive) (10 Marks)
5. As discussed in class
 - a. What is legitimacy? (2 Marks)
 - b. As a foreign envoy to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), what sources would you use to determine the legitimacy of their government? (8 Marks)
6. Discuss the nature of political influence that interest groups (national or international) have on African states (10 Marks)