



SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

JANUARY SEMESTER 2019

DIR 015T (DAY EXAM): INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

FINAL EXAM

Time: 2 Hours

Instructions:

1. Answer **ALL** questions in **Section A** and any **Two** questions 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 dismissal from the exam room. The candidate will earn a failing grade.
4. Follow the instructions carefully
5. Please write legibly

SECTION A IS COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

1.a). Define the following terms (10 Marks)

i. Philosophy

ii. Political Philosophy

iii. Political Science

iv. Politics

b). Explain five reasons why the knowledge of political philosophy is important (10 Marks)

c). Give a brief overview of origin and development of Political philosophy in the Medieval Period (10 Marks)

SECTION B, ATTEMPT ONLY TWO QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)

2 a). The Classical Greek philosopher Plato discusses five types of regimes (Republic, Book VIII). Describe them. (10 Marks)

b) Explain any five points of Plato in Political Philosophy (10 Marks)

3 a). Give a brief background of Aristotle, showing why he is described as the father of political philosophy (10 Marks)

b). Describe any five forms of government as argued by Aristotle in his book, (10 Marks)

4a). Explain four ways a person can acquire citizenship in Kenya (8 Marks)

b). With example, describe six duties of a citizen in any country (12 Marks)

5a). Describe five functions of a government (10 Marks)

b) With examples, describe the four theories of the origin of governments (10 Marks)