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FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

EH1 3401: HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Problematize the concept of political thought (5 marks)
- b) Explicate the main political ideas of Niccolo Machiavelli and how they influence many governments in the world today (10 marks)
- c) Identify any five classifications of political thought (5 marks)
- d) Analyze Socrates political thought on state (5 marks)
- e) Explain five occasions when governments can be dissolved according to John Locke(1632-1704) (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Karl Marx's communism provided what is probably the best known ideal society. Basing your argument on this statement, discuss Karl Marx ideas on political thought during the era of enlightenment. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the main political ideas of Plato (427-347 BCE) on state (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Identify the main political thinkers of the Renaissance period (10 marks)
- b) Analyze Jean Jacques Rousseau's Theory of Human Nature and Society (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) As a political thought historian identify the challenges affecting Kenya today (10 marks)
- b) Elucidate the contribution of Thomas Hobbes in the Era of Reason and Enlightenment (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze the political thought of Plato on the Republic/State (10 marks)
- b) Identify the briefly discuss the political challenges facing many countries in Africa today (10 marks)