



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

**THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GENDER AND
DEVELOPMENT WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

IGS 305: GENDER AND POLITICS

Date: 6th June, 2017

Time: 8.30 - 11.30 am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other THREE questions.
- Question ONE carries 25 marks, all other questions carry 15 marks each.



Question one: compulsory (25 marks)

(a) Politics has been conceived differently in various situations. Briefly describe how the following view politics:

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| i. Classical conception | (2 marks) |
| ii. Contemporary political scientist | (2 marks) |
| iii. Pluralists conceptions | (2 marks) |
- (b) Discuss main factors that have hindered women participation in active politics, citing relevant examples. (15 marks)
- (c) State four ways by which the state can enhance women's participation in politics (4 marks)

Answer any THREE questions in this section. Each Question carries 15 marks.

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Explain any 4 obstacles to women's equal participation in democracy processes in Kenya. (8 marks)
- (b) Briefly describe key elements of electoral processes that can enhance women participation in elections. (7 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Masses of people think that feminism is always women seeking to be equal to men. Assess the truth in this line of thinking. (7 marks)
- (b) Citing relevant examples, explain the argument that the key demands of Mary Wollstonecraft and other early feminists had been achieved. (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Citing relevant examples, explain the advantages that male have over female outlook in political expediency in Africa. (15 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Patriarchal institutional cultures are hindrances to women ascension to political positions. Discuss the truth of this statement. (15 marks)

QUESTION SIX

- (a) Describe **THREE** ways in which women's interests and opportunity in politics can be enhanced. (6 marks)
- (b) Assess the gender responsive of any three strategies that political parties engage in political campaigns. (9 marks)