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MAIN EXAMINATION

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SPO 101: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

DATE: DECEMBER 2023

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

Q1.

- a) Define the term politics and explain the elements of science involved in the study of the discipline. **(10 Marks)**
- b) State FIVE characteristics of a State and explain the role of each. **(10 Marks)**
- c) Political Science and Economics are not synonymous hence distinct. However the two disciplines have similarities. Distinguish between the two and state FOUR similarities that exist between them. **(10 Marks)**

Q2.

- a) Distinguish between Presidential and Parliamentary system of Government and explain which approach is good for a developing country like Kenya. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Explain with examples FOUR reasons why you consider Democracy as the best system of governance among other systems. **(10 Marks)**

Q3.

- a) Using examples, explain FIVE roles of an individual to State and State to an individual. **(10 Marks)**
- b) According to Aristotle, "Politics is the master of all disciplines". Discuss with examples. **(10 Marks)**

Q4.

- (a) Differentiate between Constitution and constitutionalism. **(10 Marks)**
- (b) Explain the assertion that "Politics is the root of History and history is the fruit of politics" **(10 Marks)**

Q5.

- (a) State and Government are like “a pair of scissors which in the absence of the other they cannot function”. Explain the role of each to the other. **(10 Marks)**
- (b) Differentiate between federal and unitary systems of government and explain the benefit of each to the citizens. **(10 Marks)**

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