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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

SPO 104: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN POST-INDEPENDENCE AFRICA

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

Q1.

- Founding “Fathers” of African Nations betrayed the citizens. Discuss with examples. (10 Marks)
- Identify FOUR factors that led to the failure of Pan Africanism and explain the causes of each. (10 Marks)
- Discuss THREE major economic development achievements made by Kenya under the leadership of Jomo Kenyatta. (10 Marks)

Q2.

- Frequent Military coups in Africa South of the Sahara which took place just immediately after sovereignty were a creation of external forces. Discuss with examples. (10 Marks)
- With suitable examples, explain FIVE major socio-economic challenges faced by African Countries just immediately after independence. (10 Marks)

Q3.

- Critique the assertion by a section of Western scholars that African countries (South of Sahara) achieved independence prematurely. (10 Marks)
- No sooner just after independence, African leaders involved in sharp conflicts. Using relevant examples explain the causes of their differences. (10 Marks)

Q4.

a) Critique the assertion that Multi--Party Politics is a “CURSE” to African Countries.

(10 Marks)

b) Discuss the assertion that Colonialists handed over “Political power to the indigenous people of Africa but carried away with them Economic power”.

(10 Marks)

Q5.

Democracy has become more theoretical than practical. From African elections perspective, explain with examples FOUR factors that have led to abuse of democracy in the region and explain how the situation can be contained.

(20 Marks)

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