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2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
SCIENCES (MLS, AS) AND BACHELOR OF ARTS
(CPR)**

COURSE CODE: IRD/HRD 200

COURSE TITLE: STATE SOCIETY AND DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 15/01/2025 TIME: 2:00PM TO: 5:00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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REGULAR – MAIN EXAM

IRD 200: STATE SOCIETY AND DEVELOPMENT

STREAM: BSC, BA

DURATION: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- i. *Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions .*
- ii. *Do not write on the question paper.*

Question One

i. Clearly define the following terms as used in governance

- a) Government (3 marks)
- b) Sovereignty (3 marks)
- c) Aristocracy (3 marks)
- d) Social stratification (3 marks)

iii. Explain any five sources of power (10 marks)

iii. Briefly discuss the advantages of federalist democratic government (5 marks)

Question Two

a. Identify solutions to the challenges faced by developing economies that hinder National development (6 marks)

b. Examine any two theories of state formation and indicate the extent to which they are applicable to today's quest for state formation. (14 marks)

Question Three

It has been documented that Kenyan presidential campaigns are very expensive and divisive.

i. Briefly explain how the position of presidency wields a lot of powers in the country. (12 marks)

ii. Suggest possible recommendations that can help reduce such state of affairs (8 marks)

Question Four

- a. Discuss the advantages of opening up a nation to international trade (10 marks)
- b. "Colonialism had more advantages than disadvantages to Africa". Citing some African countries clearly discuss the statement. (10 marks)

Question Five

- i. Critics of democracy argue that developing countries are not mature enough to embrace it. Clearly discuss this statement while highlighting the characteristics of democratic governments, (10 marks)
- ii. The state can trigger or hamper the development of the nation. Clearly how the state can negatively influence development of a nation. (10 marks)