



Machakos University
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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES
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**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE BACHELORS OF ARTS AND
BACHELORS OF EDUCATION ARTS**

AHT 102: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS.

QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY AND ANSWER ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

- 1a. Examine whether political science is an art and/or a science **(10 marks)**
- b. Examine the nature, practice and exercise of power as the central concept in politics **(10 marks)**
- c. Describe the idea of nationalism and explain how it contributes to the establishment of states and governments **(10 marks)**
2. To what extent is it true to argue that a state is a laboratory of politics **(20 marks)**
3. Analyze ways in which parliament controls policy processes in any African country of your choice **(20 marks)**
4. With specific examples, discuss the role of pressure groups in bringing about multi-partism in Kenya **(20 marks)**
5. Analyze the concept of power in the political theory of Michel Foucault. What purpose does it serve **(20 marks)**
6. Discuss the techniques various interest groups tend to apply in order to influence government policy **(20 marks)**

