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KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KRE 2301-RELIGION AND POLITICS IN AFRICA

Date: 7th December 2023

Time: 8:30am-10.30am

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) "In Africa, religion plays a critical role in the political practice". Evaluate. (6 Marks)
- b) "The term politics is mostly misinterpreted", Using the ideas of Agostoni (1995), Henry (1979) and Nthamburi (2003) describe what politics entails (9 Marks)
- c) Analyze the contribution of the following religious leaders in the liberation movements in Africa:
- i. Simon Kimbangu (5 Marks)
 - ii. Beatrice Kimpa Vita (5 Marks)
 - iii. Elijah Masinde (5 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss **four** approaches used by church in the quest of involvement in politics (8 Marks)
- b) Examine the influence religious leaders should play to politicians in Africa. (6 Marks)
- c) "The Kenyan 2022 general elections exhibited the politicization of prayer and prophecy". Evaluate. (6 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain how the following statements contribute to the justification of the Church involvement in politics:
- i. The Bible and the socio-political welfare of the people (4Marks)
 - ii. The prophetic task of the biblical prophets (4 Marks)
 - iii. Messianic anticipation motive (4 Marks)
- b) Examine the place of religion in the quest for social justice in Kenya (8 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the place of religion in constitutional process in African Countries. (10Marks)
- b) "During the search for multi-party democracy, the mainstream church leadership was regarded as the bulwark against authoritarianism". Explain (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the factors underlying the declining prophetic voice of Church in Kenya (10 Marks)
- b) "Political leaders in Africa use religion as a campaign tool". Illustrate. (10 Marks)