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**KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FOURTH YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)**  
**KHG 2400:HISTORY OF POLITICAL IDEAS**

Date: December 2023

Time: 8:30am-10.30am

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the meaning of political thought. (4 marks)
- b) Democracy is a dictatorship by the majority. Comment on this statement. (8 marks)
- c) Explain **three** levels of government, according to Aristotle. (8 marks)
- d) Discuss Julius Nyerere's social political philosophy of Ujamaa. (10 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the contribution of Niccole Machiavell to political thought and practice in Medieval Europe. (10marks)
- b) Assess the contribution of the Athenian philosopher Plato to society of his time and society today. (10marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)**

- a) Critique the contribution of Islam to political philosophy upto 1600AD. (10marks)
- b) Examine Marx's theory of class struggle and the failures of his prediction (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the contribution of St. Augustine's political philosophy on Church-State relations. (10marks)
- b) Examine the view that the political theory of St. Thomas Aquinas was grounded on Aristotelian Philosophy. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)**

- a) Compare and contrast the Hobbesian and John Locke's state of nature. (10 marks)
- b) Using examples, explain the role of political ideologies in the governance of any state. (10 marks)