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KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
FOUR YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)
KRE 2301: RELIGION AND POLITICS IN AFRICA

Date: 10th December 2024

Time: 8.30am-10.30am

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain how the sacred-secular divide affects people's understanding of the relationship between church and politics. (5 marks)
- b) Describe what entails the following:
 - i. Church prophetic Mandate. (5 Marks)
 - ii. Messianic anticipation motif. (6 Marks)
- c) Jesus did not only preach but also met people's social needs such as food, and social injustice. In the same way the church should preach a holistic gospel. Respond. (8 marks)
- d) "Politics is all about allocation of resources of and values" (Henry, 1971). Comment. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explore the factors that lead cooption of church of leaders by the political class and the eventual loss of prophetic voice. (10 marks)
- b) Some Christians reason that politics is a dirty game and the church should not get involved in politics. Respond to this statement from a biblical perspective. (10Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) "Emmanuel Katongole ironically argues that African continent is a continent of churches also of coffins". Evaluate this statement in light of religion and politics in Africa. (10 Marks)
- b) Examine the biblical teaching on church involvement in politics relating your responses to church and political practice in Africa. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Evaluate the role of religion in Kenya in:

- a) Democratization process. (10Marks)
- b) Constitutional making/amendment processes. (10Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate the role of Christianity in the fight against apartheid in South Africa in the 1990s. (10Marks)
- b) Name and discuss any TWO significant African Church leaders and their contribution to the political processes of their countries in Africa. (10Marks)