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**KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**THIRD YEAR, ONE & SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**  
**KHG 2300: COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENTS**

Date: 10th December 2024  
Time: 2.30am-4.30PM

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a. Define the following terms; (6 marks)
- Comparative politics.
  - Constitution.
  - Constitutionalism.
  - A monarchy.
  - A democracy.
  - Politics
- b. State **four** characteristics of comparative Government. (4 marks)
- c. Discuss **three** demerits of a rigid constitution. (6 marks)
- d. Explain **four** sources of changes in the constitution of a state. (8 marks)
- e. Describe **four** discretionary powers constitutionally vested on the French President. (4 marks)
- f. Elaborate on the concept of a bicameral legislature as applied in the USA's governance system. (2 marks)

**SECTION TWO**

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a. A.V. Dicey aptly remarked, "Strictly speaking there is no constitutional law in Great Britain. Comment. (5 marks)
- b. The President of the USA is arguably the most powerful elected executive in any democratic country. Discuss. (8 marks)
- c. Examine the king's powers and position in the United Kingdom. (7 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a. Differentiate between any **two** types of constitutions. (2 marks)
- b. Elaborate on **three** merits of a written constitution. (6 marks)
- c. Discuss **six** features of the constitution of Great Britain. (12 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a. Define a constitutional state. (2 marks)
- b. Explain **five** functions of the American senate. (10 marks)
- c. Compare and contrast between the British and the USA's legislative process. (8 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a. Justify the significance of studying comparative governments as a course. (7 marks)
- b. Explain any **Four** subjects included in the scope of comparative politics. (8 marks)
- c. What are the differences between traditional and modern comparative politics? (5 marks)