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KISII LEARNING CENTER- FULL TIME**

COURSE CODE: DPS 101

COURSE TITLE: BASIC CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

**VENUE:
DATE:
TIME:**

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EXAM SESSION:**

Instructions

1. Answer question 1 (**COMPULSORY**) and any other 2 questions
2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper
3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklet to the invigilator while the examination Room

1(a) Define the term politics

4marks

(b) Explain the distinctions between formal and informal politics 8marks

(c) The king often, even in absolute monarchies, ruled his kingdom with the aid of an elite group of advisors, a council without which he could not maintain power. Outline the invaluable aid rendered to the institution of kingship by the council. (8marks)

2. (a) Define Pressure and interest groups (2marks)

(b) State and explain two ways in which pressure groups influence political parties (8marks)

(c) Explain the functions of pressure groups (10marks)

3. State the five characteristics of a state as postulated by Christopher W. Morris 1998

4. Discuss the role of middle level bureaucrats in policy formulation (20marks)

5. Explain the differences between Authoritarian and Libertarian politics (20marks)