



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

AHT 324: URBAN POLITICS IN AFRICA

1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1. Define and discuss the following concepts as used in the study or urban politics:
 - (a) Power
 - (b) Authority
 - (c) Post colonial city
 - (d) Public good
 - (e) Global city
2. Identify and discuss the characteristics of the postcolonial cities of Johannesburg, Nairobi and Harare.
3. How do women experience, navigate and claim their rights in a city such as Nairobi? Discuss.
4. Identify and discuss some of the key political, social and economic characteristics of informal cities in Africa.
5. What is “accumulation by dispossession”? What is its impact on the lives and livelihoods of Africa’s urban poor?
6. In your opinion, why do urban planners who design and build new cities fail to realize their goals? Discuss.
7. What impact have the urban-poor led social movements had on urban governance? Discuss.