



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

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**SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
LAWS**

LPR 302: ELECTORAL LAW

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 18TH APRIL 2012

TIME: 3.00 P.M. – 5.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions**
- 2) You will be penalised for failing to answer question One**
- 3) Support your answer with relevant case law, statutes and any other Relevant references**
- 4) Write neatly and legibly**
- 5) Your answer sheet must bear your student registration number**

QUESTION 1 (30 Marks)

'The Kenyan Electoral Legislative history and the fight for democracy portrays Kenyans as a progressive people who are not willing to compromise on their democratic rights. The Electoral statutory and constitutional status of our country today is indicative of the constant struggle since independence (1963) for Kenyans to be able to exercise independence, freedom, and civil liberties in order to be governed by choice and not chance.'

(Anonymous)

Agreeing with the statement above, discuss, critically the key milestones in our country's history as far as our electoral laws and electoral systems are concerned.

QUESTION 2 (20 Marks)

International Legal Standards recommend that a good legal system should take care of the vulnerable groups. In what ways does Kenya's new constitutional order appreciate this standard?

Discuss critically.

QUESTION 3 (20 Marks)

The Electoral Management Body of a country plays a critical role in ensuring free and fair elections.

Discuss the above statement in light of the Kenyan Situation and its adherence to International Standards.

QUESTION 4 (20 Marks)

Provide short, but comprehensive, notes on any two the following.

- a) Philosophical basis of Democracy (10 Marks)
- b) Media and Elections (10 Marks)
- c) Campaign Financing (10 Marks)
- d) The role of Political parties in a democratic society (10 Marks)

QUESTION 5 (20 Marks)

Discuss briefly the classification of Electoral Systems in the World, giving examples and illustrations as much as possible.