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BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AHT 315: POLITICAL PARTIES AND INTEREST GROUPS IN AFRICA

DATE: Tuesday, 28th April 2015

TIME: 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer any THREE questions.

1. Trace the origins of political parties and critically evaluate their significance to democratic politics.
2. “The emergence of the single-party state in Africa was inevitable.” Illustrating your answer with specific examples, examine the validity of this statement.
3. Using relevant examples, evaluate the role played by ideology in the activities of political parties in Africa.
4. To what extent is it valid to argue that political parties in Africa are essentially personal fiefdoms? Cite relevant examples.
5. Citing specific examples from Africa, discuss the various tactics utilized by interest groups in pursuing their objectives.
6. “Associational interest groups are more effective in achieving their goals than institutional interest groups”. Using relevant examples from Africa, illustrate the validity of this assertion.
7. Pick any one African country and critically evaluate the role played by pressure groups in the democratization process of the country.