



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2018/2019

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

AHT 815: ISSUES IN THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF AFRICA

DATE: Tuesday, 2nd April 2019

TIME: 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question one and any other three questions.

1. Using examples, analyze the nature and characteristics of political and economic modes of production in Pre-colonial Africa. (25 marks)
2. To what extent would you agree with Walter Rodney's assertion that slave trade and colonialism are the main explanations for Africa's underdevelopment. (15 marks)
3. Discuss the key pillars of any two dominant theoretical perspectives that explain Africa's political economy. (15 marks)
4. Critically evaluate the major characteristics of the colonial political-economy in Africa. (15 marks)
5. Using examples, discuss the role of IMF and World Bank in the political economy of Africa. (15 marks)
6. Examine the externalist and internalist perspectives on the causes of poverty in Africa. (15 marks)
7. Discuss the view that foreign AID has been the basis of Africa's poverty and dependency since independence. (15 marks)
8. Analyze the impact of globalization on Africa's political economy in the Post-Cold War period. (15 marks)