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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF PUBLIC  
POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

APP 817: PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS

DATE: Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

TIME: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question **ONE (Compulsory)** and any other **TWO** questions. Each question is worth 20 points, so the total possible number of points is 60.

1. With the help of illustrations of a policy/program known to you in Kenya, briefly discuss the following concepts: Public Policy, Policy formulation; Policy implementation; Policy analysis; Policy monitoring and evaluation. (20 marks)
2. Power models view decision-making as something which is shaped and determined by the structures of power. Discuss the following approaches of power and illustrate how they affect the decision-making process: Elitism; Pluralism; Marxism; Corporatism; professionalism; Technocracy. (20 marks)
3. Eventually, implementation of public policy comes down to the people who actually implement it. Street-level bureaucrats such as Cops and teachers stand on the frontlines of public service.  
Using Lipsky's theory of street-level bureaucracy, critically outline the factors that either facilitate, or hinder them in their service provision, and demonstrate how they deal with the dilemma of resource to clients who they encounter in the face of limitedness of resources. (20 marks)
4. What is agenda setting? Critically discuss how certain policies find themselves on the government's agenda, and how others are ignored, dismissed, or disregarded. (20 marks)
5. What are policy windows? Critically discuss the three major streams in public policy, i.e. problem stream; political stream; and policy stream. Briefly illustrate how these streams interact to open windows of opportunity for a policy issue to be considered. (20 marks)

