



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES,
SOCIAL SCIENCES AND CREATIVE
INDUSTRIES**

**B. A. POLITICAL SCIENCE & PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**

**COURSE CODE: PSA 1209-1
COURSE CODE: POLITICAL PARTIES AND
INTEREST GROUPS**

DATE: 13/5/2024

TIME: 0830-1030 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

Answer Questions **ONE (compulsory)** and any other **TWO** questions

This paper consists of TWO printed pages. Please turn over.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Describe the Salient features of the different types of political party systems **(7 marks)**
- b) Highlight six essentials for the formation of political parties in a democratic society. **(6marks)**
- c) Kenya faces a lot of conflicts in her political party system. Explain appropriate ways of party conflict resolution. **(7marks)**

QUESTION TWO

Interest groups have created methods and approaches to persuade the public to support them broadly. Discuss. **(15 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

“Some interest groups are more influential over governments than others
“Discuss why this is the case. **(15 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

Differentiate between political parties and interest groups. **(15 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

In a parliamentary democracy, political leadership that is focused on the party's internal and external constituencies is necessary for a successful government. Discuss. **(15 marks)**

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