

THE KENYA SCHOOL OF LAW



DIPLOMA IN LAW (PARA-LEGAL STUDIES)
1ST YEAR TERM II UNITS, 2026 EXAMINATION



GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW – PTP 104
(SPECIAL EXAMINATION)

9th April, 2026

DURATION: 2 HOURS

2.00 PM – 4.00 PM

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each

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Question One

- a) Define the term "state" and outline four (4) legal aspects of statehood under international law.
(5 marks)
- b) With the aid of examples from the Kenyan context, explain the meaning of the expression "Supremacy of the Constitution".
(10 marks)
- c) Drawing from your knowledge of Kenyan constitutional law, discuss the meaning of the expression "Separation of Powers".
(10 marks)

Question Two

Discuss five (5) ways of classifying constitutions and indicate Kenya's position with respect to each classification.
(15 marks)

Question Three

Explain the meaning of the following concepts as they are understood in constitutional theory:

- a) Human rights
- b) Rule of law
- c) Democracy
- d) Sovereignty
- e) Constitutionalism

(3 marks)
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Question Four

- a) Explain the composition of the parliament of Kenya and outline the three key roles of parliament.
(10 marks)
- b) Explain the composition of the county assembly in Kenya
(5 marks)

Question Five

- a) Explain the meaning of "Executive power" and outline the composition of Kenya's national executive.
(5 marks)
- b) Identify five (5) constitutional functions of the president of Kenya. (5 marks)
- c) Set the composition of the county executive and indicate the constitutional role of a county executive.
(5 marks)

Question Six

- a) Explain the meaning of "Independence of the Judiciary" and set out five pillars of that concept in Kenya's context.
(7 marks)
- b) Discuss the two ways through which the Constitution of Kenya may be amended.
(8 marks)

END



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DIPLOMA IN LAW (PARALEGAL TRAINING PROGRAMME)

1ST YEAR TERM II EXAMINATION

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW – PTP 104

26TH NOVEMBER 2025



DURATION: 2 HOURS
2.00 P.M. – 4.00 P.M.

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each

PLEASE TURN OVER

Question 1

- a) Distinguish between the terms "state" and "government" and outline four (4) legal aspects of statehood. (5 marks)
- b) Define the term "constitution" and explain five (5) functions of a constitution in a modern state. (10 marks)
- c) Explain the meaning of the expression "Supremacy of the Constitution" and outline five (5) manifestations of this concept in the Kenyan context. (10 marks)

Question 2

Discuss five (5) ways of classifying constitutions and indicate Kenya's position with respect to each classification. (15 marks)

Question 3

Explain the meaning of the following concepts as they are understood in constitutional theory:

- a) Citizenship (3 marks)
- b) Rule of law (3 marks)
- c) Democracy (3 marks)
- d) Sovereignty (3 marks)
- e) Constitutionalism (3 marks)



Question 4

Sketch the constitutional history of Kenya in the context of the following epochs:

- a) Pre-colonial period (5 marks)
- b) Colonial era (5 marks)
- c) Post-colonial Kenya (5 marks)

Question 5

- a) Outline the composition of the Kenyan Parliament and describe the three key roles of the legislature. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the meaning of "Executive Power" and outline the composition of Kenya's national executive. (5 marks)

Question 6

- a) Explain the meaning of the expression "Devolution" in the Kenyan context and set out five objectives of devolution. (8 marks)
- b) Discuss the two ways through which the Constitution of Kenya may be amended. (7 marks)



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DIPLOMA IN LAW (PARA-LEGAL STUDIES)

1ST YEAR TERM II

SPECIAL / SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS



GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW- PTP 104

9TH APRIL 2025

DURATION: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each

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Question One

- (a) Describe how the country called Kenya came into existence. (5 Marks)
- (b) Describe how the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 came into existence. (5 Marks)
- (c) Explain the meaning of the expression "Supremacy of the Constitution" and indicate **FOUR (4)** aspects of supremacy under Kenyan law. (15 Marks)

Question Two

Discuss **FIVE (5)** ways of classifying constitutions and show Kenya's position with respect to each classification. (15 Marks)

Question Three

- (a) Explain the meaning of the term "State" as understood in constitutional law studies. (5 Marks)
- (b) Discuss the concept of "separation of powers" noting to indicate **FIVE (5)** aspects of pure separation. (10 Marks)

Question Four

Explain the meaning of the term "citizenship" and discuss the ways in which Kenyan citizenship may be acquired. (15 Marks)

Question Five

- (a) Explain the composition of the Parliament of Kenya. (10 Marks)
- (b) Explain the composition of a County Assembly. (5 Marks)

Question Six

Write short notes on the following:

- (a) Rule of law. (5 Marks)
- (b) Democracy. (5 Marks)
- (c) Independence of the judiciary. (5 Marks)



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1ST YEAR TERM 2 EXAMINATION

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW – PTP 104

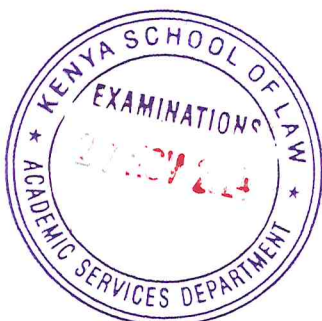
27TH NOVEMBER, 2024

DURATION: 2 HOURS
2.00 PM – 4.00 PM



Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each



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QUESTION ONE

- a) Define the term "Constitution" and explain the scope of the study of constitutional law. (5 Marks)
- b) Discuss FIVE (5) ways of classifying constitutions and indicate Kenya's position with respect to each classification. (20 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Distinguish between the terms "state" and "Government" and explain the FOUR (4) characteristics of statehood under the Montevideo Convention on Rights and Duties of States. (10 Marks)
- (b) Explain THREE (3) dimensions of the concept of "sovereignty" as understood in constitutional law. (5 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Define the expression "Supremacy of the Constitution" and outline FOUR (4) manifestations of that concept in Kenya. (6 Marks)
- (b) Define the expression "Separation of Powers" and outline FIVE (5) characteristics of a pure separation. (9 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Explain the THREE (3) fundamental roles of the Parliament of Kenya. (6 Marks)
- (b) Outline the composition of the Parliament of Kenya. (9 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Explain FOUR (4) qualifications for nomination as a presidential candidate in Kenya. (8 Marks)
- (b) Set out FIVE (5) functions of the president of Kenya. (5 Marks)
- (c) Distinguish between "head of state" and "head of government" (2 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

- a) Discuss FIVE (5) pillars of independence of the Judiciary in Kenya's context. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain the TWO (2) ways of initiating a constitutional amendment in Kenya. (5 Marks)

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DIPLOMA IN LAW (PARA-LEGAL STUDIES)

1ST YEAR TERM II

SPECIAL / SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW– PTP 104

08TH MAY, 2024

DURATION: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question **ONE** and **ANY OTHER THREE** Questions
- (b) Question **ONE** carries **25 Marks**
- (c) All other questions carry **15 Marks** each

PLEASE TURN OVER

Question One

- (a) Define the term "Constitution" (3 Marks)
- (b) Explain the meaning of the expression "Supremacy of the Constitution" and identify FIVE (5) things that illustrate supremacy in Kenya's context. (7 Marks)
- (c) Discuss FIVE (5) ways of classifying constitutions. (15 Marks)

Question Two

- (a) Giving specific examples, define the terms "State", "Nation", "Nation-State" and "Government". (7 Marks)
- (b) Using Kenya for illustration purposes, discuss FOUR (4) characteristics of statehood. (8 Marks)

Question Three

- (a) Define citizenship and outline TWO (2) duties attached to citizenship. (5 Marks)
- (b) Explain TWO (2) ways of acquiring Kenyan citizenship by birth. (4 Marks)
- (c) Explain THREE (3) ways of acquiring Kenyan citizenship by registration. (6 Marks)

Question Four

- (a) Outline FIVE (5) characteristics of "separation of powers" in its pure form. (5 Marks)
- (b) Outline FIVE (5) ingredients of the concept of Rule of Law. (5 Marks)
- (c) Outline FIVE (5) pillars of independence of the judiciary. (5 Marks)

Question Five

- (a) Setting out the composition of each, distinguish between the National Executive and the County Executive in Kenya's context. (10 Marks)
- (b) With the aid of examples, explain the THREE (3) primary roles of the Parliament of Kenya. (5 Marks)

Question Six

- (a) Explain the process of amending the Constitution of Kenya through:
 - (i) Parliamentary Initiative. (5 Marks)
 - (ii) Popular Initiative. (5 Marks)
- (b) Explain the meaning of the term "Democracy". (5 Marks)

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1ST YEAR TERM II EXAMINATION



GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW- PTP 104

24TH JANUARY 2024

DURATION: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each

PLEASE TURN OVER

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Define the term "Constitution" and explain the meaning and justification of the concept of "supremacy of the constitution". (7Marks)
- (b) Discuss SIX (6) ways of classifying constitutions. (18 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Distinguish between the terms "State" and "Government" and outline four characteristics of statehood. (5 Marks)
- (b) Explain the meaning of the concepts "Separation of Powers" and "Rule of Law" as they are understood in the study of constitutional law. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Explain the meaning of the terms "Citizenship", "Nationality" and "Domicile". (5 Marks)
- (b) Discuss the ways through which Kenyan citizenship may be acquired. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Explain the composition of the National Assembly and Senate of Kenya. (10 Marks)
- (b) Outline FIVE (5) ways through which Parliament exercises oversight over other arms of government. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Set out the composition of the National Executive of Kenya. (5 Marks)
- (b) Discuss FIVE (5) functions of the President of Kenya. (10 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

Discuss the following concepts:

- (a) Democracy (5 Marks)
- (b) Independence of the Judiciary. (5 Marks)
- (c) Devolution. (5 Marks)



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1ST YEAR TERM II EXAMINATION



GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW- PTP 104

23RD MARCH 2023

DURATION: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each

PLEASE TURN OVER





QUESTION ONE ✓

- (a) Explain the meaning of the term "Constitution" and outline the scope of constitutional law. (5 Marks)
- (b) Define a "state" and discuss four (4) characteristics of statehood. (10 Marks)
- (c) Discuss the meaning of the expression "Supremacy of the Constitution" and give four aspects of its supremacy under Kenyan law. (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO ✓

- (a) With reference to the Kenyan context, explain the meaning of the expression "Separation of Powers". (7 Marks)
- (b) Discuss four ingredients of the concept of "Rule of Law" as understood in constitutional theory. (8 Marks)

QUESTION THREE ✓

Discuss five (5) ways of classifying constitutions and state the Kenyan position with regard to each classification. (15 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR ✓

- (a) Distinguish between "citizenship" and "nationality". (5 Marks)
- (b) Explain the ways through which Kenyan citizenship may be acquired. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Discuss the three (3) key roles of the Parliament of Kenya. (6 Marks)
- (b) Explain the meaning of the expression "independence of the Judiciary" and outline five pillars of that concept in the Kenyan context. (9 Marks)

QUESTION SIX ✓

- (a) Outline the composition of the County Executive in Kenya. (5 Marks)
- (b) Set out the composition of the Senate of Kenya. (5 Marks)
- (c) Outline the two approaches to amending the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. (5 Marks)

END

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DIPLOMA IN LAW (PARA-LEGAL STUDIES)

1ST YEAR TERM II EXAMINATION



GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW- PTP 104

7TH APRIL 2022



DURATION: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each

PLEASE TURN OVER



QUESTION ONE

- (a) Distinguish between the terms "Constitution" and "Constitutionalism". (5 marks)
- (b) Discuss five (5) ways of classifying constitutions and state Kenya's position with regard to each classification. (20 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Define the term "state" and explain four (4) characteristics of statehood. (10 marks)
- (b) Explain the meaning of the term "sovereignty" as understood in Constitutional Law. (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Explain the meaning of the following concepts as understood in Constitutional Law:

- (a) Supremacy of the Constitution (5 marks)
- (b) Separation of Powers (5 marks)
- (c) Rule of Law (5 marks)



QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Distinguish between "citizenship" and "nationality" (3 marks)
- (b) Discuss the ways through which Kenyan citizenship may be acquired. (12 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Explain three (3) key roles of the Parliament of Kenya. (6 marks)
- (b) Outline the composition of the National Assembly and Senate of Kenya. (9 marks)

QUESTION SIX

- (a) Explain three (3) objectives of devolution. (6 marks)
- (b) Distinguish between the National Executive and County Executive. (6 marks)
- (c) State three (3) pillars of independence of the Judiciary. (3 marks)

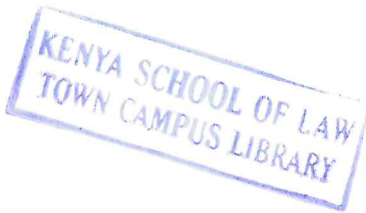
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DIPLOMA IN LAW (PARA-LEGAL STUDIES)

1st YEAR TERM II EXAMINATION



GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I- PTP 104

9TH JUNE, 2021

DURATION: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each

PLEASE TURN OVER

QUESTION ONE



- (a) Define the term "Constitution" and explain the meaning and rationale of the concept of supremacy of the of the Constitution. (10 marks)
- (b) Explain the meaning of the terms "State", "Nation " and "Government" as they are used in the study of Constitutional Law. (15 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Explain five (5) ways of classifying constitutions, stating the place of Kenya's constitution with respect to each of the classifications. (15 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Set out the structure and composition of the Parliament of Kenya as provided for under the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. (6 marks)
- (b) Discuss the three main roles of the Parliament of Kenya. (9 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Explain the structure and role of the National Executive of Kenya. (8 marks)
- (b) Discuss the composition and functions of the County Executive Committee. (7 marks)

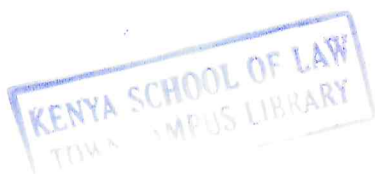
QUESTION FIVE

In the context of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, explain the concept of independence of the judiciary and show how the courts exercise control over the other arms of government. (15 marks)

QUESTION SIX

- (a) Distinguish between "Parliamentary Initiative" and "Popular Initiative" as processes of amending the Constitution of Kenya 2010. (10 marks)
- (b) Differentiate between "Rule of Law" and "Democracy", being two of the national values and principles of governance in Kenya. (5 marks)

END



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DIPLOMA IN LAW (PARA-LEGAL STUDIES)

1ST YEAR TERM II EXAMINATION

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND SYSTEMS II – DPS 104

4TH APRIL 2022

DURATION: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each

PLEASE TURN OVER

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Explain the meaning of the following terms as understood in constitutional law:
- (i) State (5 marks)
 - (ii) Nation (2 marks)
 - (iii) Government (2 marks)
- (b) Discuss four (4) ways of classifying constitutions. (16 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Explain the meaning of the following concepts:

- a) Democracy (3 Marks)
- b) Human Rights (3 marks)
- c) Sovereignty (3 marks)
- d) Rule of Law (3 marks)
- e) Independence of the judiciary (3 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Discuss the structure and composition of the Parliament of Kenya and explain three (3) main roles of Parliament. (15 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) What do you understand by "executive power"? (3 Marks)
- b) Describe the composition of the National Executive of Kenya. (12 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Outline three (3) objectives of devolution. (6 Marks)
- b) Explain the composition of the county assemblies and county executive committees. (9 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

Discuss the procedure of amending the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. (15 marks)

END