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Course Code: **MEP 709**

Course Title: **Political Parties and Public Policy**

Instructions:

- i. Answer **Question One and Three (3)** other questions, Question one attracts **25 marks** while all other questions attract **15 marks** each.
- ii. Time allowed: **3hours** iii. Write your **Name and Registration Number Only**
- iv. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.
- v. Cross out any unused sheet(s) in your answer booklet before you submit it.

Question One

- a. Name and briefly explain the three Arms of Government in a Presidential Democracy? **(5marks)**
- a. What are the reasons for having three (3) Arms of Government? **(5marks)**
- b. Describe in details the different functions of each of the three (3) arms of Government. **(15marks)**

Question Two

- a. What is Legislative-Executive Interface? **(5marks)**
- b. What are the benefits of Legislative-Executive Interface and elaborate on each of them. **(10marks)**

Question Three

- a. Describe Consensus Building in parliament? **(5marks)**
- b. Why is Consensus Building necessary in a presidential political system? **(5marks)**
- c. Describe the major benefits of Consensus Building? **(5marks)**

Question Four

- a. What is a Political Party Caucus? (5marks)
- b. Why are Political Party Caucuses necessary in Parliament? (5marks)
- c. How does a Political Party Caucus differ from a Legislative Committee? (5marks)

Question Five

- a. Describe intra-party dialogue in a presidential democracy. (5marks)
- b. Describe inter-party dialogue in a presidential democracy. (5marks)
- c. What are the benefits of intra and inter-party dialogue in multi-party democracy? (5marks)

Question Six

- a. Why are elections necessary in a democracy? (5marks)
- b. What are the major differences between a Primary Election and General Election? (5marks)
- c. What is a By-Election and what is it used for? (5marks)