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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **MESP**

Semester: **1st**

Course Title: **Technology and Elections**

Session: 2020/2021

Course Code: MEP 809

Instructions:

- i. Answer **Question One** and any other **Three Questions**
- ii. Time allowed: **3 hours**
- iii. Write your **Matriculation Number Only**
- iv. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.

Question One

"We cannot simplistically throw technology at a problem and expect it to go away" (INEC/ECONEC/ECF-SADC). To what extent is this claim valid for the deployment of ICTs in contemporary global electoral processes? **(25 marks)**

Question Two

The deployment of ICTs in elections must align with contextual and global legal instruments for democratic electoral processes. Examine this assertion drawing from relevant countries' experiences. **(15 marks)**

Question Three

The media plays a critical role in the electoral process. Using relevant examples, critically analyse how any five (5) new technologies have revolutionised the media space and the implications for the flow of information during elections in modern societies. **(15 marks)**

Question Four

Based on knowledge gained from the course, provide an assessment of the links between a country's e-governance development and its ability to facilitate technology-driven elections. **(15 marks)**

Question Five

Modern democracies are embracing electronic voting and transmission systems in their elections. Critically discuss the prospects and concerns associated with this turn using a global comparative lens. **(15 marks)**

Question Six

The weaponisation of digital technologies presents real problems for Election Management Bodies (EMBs) across the globe. Summarise at least five (5) concerns in cyber-security discussed during the course and ways to mitigate some of these problems. **(15marks)**