CHUKA **UNIVERSITY**

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS**

ECON 443: ECONOMICS OF PUBLIC POLICY

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE : WEDNESDAY 22 /09/ 2021   **2.30 PM – 4.30 PM**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:
- Answer Question One and any other Two Questions.
- DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING on the question paper.

QUESTION ONE

a)   Differentiate between distributive policies and regulatory policies.   [2 Marks]

b)   Explain the main elements of public policy.   [5 Marks]

c)   Describe the salient features of a policy frame work in Kenya.   [5 Marks]

d)   Describe any three types of evaluation as suggested by lerner.   [3 Marks]

e)   Given the resources and assistance, if you are asked to evaluate the policies of the County government of your area what problems would you face? Explain.   [5 Marks]

f)   Explain the various policies that can be adopted by the government of Kenya in order to address the public debt problem.   [5 Marks]

g)   Using a relevant example, elaborate how judiciary influence the making of public policy in Kenya.   [5 Marks]

QUESTION TWO

a)   Briefly explain the relationship between the Constitution of Kenya of 2010 and policy making.   [4 Marks]

b)   Explain the criteria commonly employed in the evaluation of public policy.[6 Marks]

c)   Discuss the various stages involved in formulation of policy framework in Kenya.

[10 Marks]

QUESTION THREE

a)   While giving examples, explain the various non-governmental actors in policy process.

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Marks]

b)   Describe the agenda setting stage of policy process.   [5 Marks]

c)   Discuss the various approaches used in the study of public policy.   [6 Marks]

d)   Public participation is crucial in the policy making process in Kenya. Assess this statement while citing the provisions from the Constitution.   [6 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR

a).   Differentiate between cost benefit analysis and cost effectiveness tools in planning, evaluation and implementation of policies.   [3 Marks]

b)   Explain the following theories of public policy and highlight their limitations.

i.   System theory   [6 Marks]

ii.   Elite theory   [5 Marks]

iii.   Rational choice theory   [6 Marks]

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