



**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS COURSE: POLITICS (Honours)**

**QUESTION PAPER: INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY – AFRICA FOCUS**

**SUBJECT CODE: POL8X28**

**NOVEMBER EXAMINATION 2020**

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please take care to read the instructions below before attempting to answer the Exam questions:

1. This is a take home exam and you will have **ONE** day to complete it.
2. Answer **TWO** questions, i.e. **ONE** question per section. Each question is worth 50 marks.
3. Word limit per question is 600 words (excluding the reference list.)  
References are required. If you want to quote an author specifically then do not use more than 1 quote per essay and keep the quote short +-25 words. Remember to use “inverted commas” when quoting directly.
4. Do not plagiarise. Plagiarism is a serious offence and the university views it in a serious light. All take home work must be loaded via Turnitin first and the Turnitin receipt be emailed to the lecturer as part of the exam submission. Although only similarities below 15% will be marked this does not excuse any smaller evidences of high similarity with texts. Paraphrase fully.
5. There is no prescribed minimum or maximum number of sources required to complete this exercise
6. All essays must be submitted **ONLY** in *Word format* and the submission should be emailed directly to [kkondlo@uj.ac.za](mailto:kkondlo@uj.ac.za) on a due date to be announced on blackboard announcements
7. Be sure to check your spelling, grammar and punctuation before making a submission

**SUBMISSION DATE: TO BE ANNOUNCED ON BLACKBOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **SECTION A: THEMATIC ISSUES IN THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF AFRICA**

### **QUESTION 1:**

Select ONE country in the African continent and examine the impact of regional economic cooperation on economic development trajectory, from 2009 to date.

### **QUESTION 2**

Discuss what you consider to be enablers and disenablers of Africa's competitiveness and development in the global political economy and explain how governments, business and society are responding to these.

### **QUESTION 3**

To what extent are illicit capital inflows and outflows a challenge to economic growth and development of Africa - give examples from specific economic sectors.

## **SECTION B: RATING AGENCIES IN AFRICAN ECONOMIES**

### **QUESTION 4**

Discuss the evolution of the Credit Rating Agency System and critique its logic and structure.

### **QUESTION 5**

What impact do credit ratings have on African economies – discuss and use one African country as your case study.

### **QUESTION 6**

What are the key issues raised in arguments for and against Credit Rating Agencies outlined in the literature?