

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

QUESTION PAPER: INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY - AFRICA FOCUS

**SUBJECT CODE: POL8X28** 

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION 2021** 

**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 on the same day of the exam
- 7. Be sure to check your spelling, grammar and punctuation before making a submission

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

### **QUESTION 1**

Discuss what you consider to be enablers of Africa's competitiveness In the global political economy and explain how the roles of governments, business and society are using these to enhance Africa's global stature.

### **QUESTION 2**

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

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

### **QUESTION 3**

Examine the impact of credit ratings have on African economies – use specific examples to illustrate your points?.

### **QUESTION 4**

Critique and compare arguments for and against Credit Rating Agencies outlined in the literature?