



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

MAIN EXAM 2020

COURSE: POLITICS 2A

TIME: Take home exam

MARKS: 100 (Part A = 50 marks)

QUESTION PAPER: (A) PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS
(B) INTRODUCTION TO WESTERN POLITICAL
THOUGHT

SUBJECT CODE: POL2AA2 and PTS2A11

DURATION: 4 DAYS (the exam will be available from early afternoon on 2nd June and is due in at the latest by 23:59 on 5th June via the turnitin exam tab on ulink **FOR PROF CHIKWANHA SECTION A**) (NO EXAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE AND TIME)

EXAMINERS:

1. PROF A.B. CHIKWANHA
2. PROF M. NDLETYANA
3. PROF S GRAHAM (INTERNAL)

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SECTION A: PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS

[Total 50 marks]

Question 1**(10 marks)**

Select the correct answers for questions 1 to 10. All the multiple-choice questions carry a total of 10 marks.

4.1 These policies involve deliberate efforts by the government to shift the allocation of wealth, income, property, or rights among groups of the population

- A. Regulatory
- B. Symbolic
- C. Self-Regulatory
- D. Redistributive
- E. Material

4.2 The dimension relating to the examining of the technical possibility of a policy being implemented is called a analysis.

- A. Acceptability
- B. Legitimacy
- C. Efficiency
- D. Feasibility
- E. Cost benefit

4.3 How a proposed public policy is judged by stakeholders is referred to as

- A. Acceptability
- B. Legitimacy
- C. Efficiency
- D. Effectiveness
- E. Feasibility

4.4 Identify the key components of a policy issue paper

- A. Proposing different options, Problem formulation, Evaluating options, Decision making
- B. Group consensus, Bargaining, Feasibility analysis
- C. Problem articulation, Incrementalism, Legitimacy
- D. Agenda setting, Bounded rationality, Placation

4.5 Which of the following are Actors in the public policy making process?

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| A. political parties | media | government |
| departments | | |
| B. development partners | donors | local government |
| C. citizens | interest groups | central & local |
| government | | |
| D. opposition parties | NGOs | the defense forces |

4.6 Public participation in South Africa takes place through the following institutions:

- A. National Assembly, National Council of Provinces, Constituency Offices
- B. South African Human Rights Commission, Ombudsman, Gender Commission,
- C. Political party offices, Service delivery units, Chapter 9 institutions

4.7 agenda are the finalized list of issues to be moved to the next phase of the policy-making cycle.

- A. Decision agenda
- B. Discretionary agenda
- C. Systemic agenda
- D. Institutional agenda

1.8. Which decision-making model takes into account the limitations experienced by policy makers?

- A. Incrementalism
- B. Bounded rationality
- C. Bottom up
- D. Rational choice

1.9 How do South African policy makers engage with the public on policy matters?

- E. Public meetings, submissions, representations and petitions, contacting MPs
- F. Public protector, public protests, National council of provinces
- G. Campaign rallies, religious gatherings, state funerals

1.10 Symbolic policies

- A. impose restrictions or limitations on the behavior of individuals and groups by reducing the freedom or discretion to act of those regulated.
- B. usually control the regulated group as a means of protecting or promoting the interests of its members.
- C. involve deliberate efforts by the government to shift the allocation of wealth, income, property, or rights among groups of the population
- D. do not allocate tangible advantages and disadvantages as they simply appeal to people's cherished values, such as peace, patriotism, and social justice.

Question 2

State if the following statements on policy formulation are true or false

(10 marks)

| Statement | True | False |
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| 2.1 In agenda setting, public problems are debated intensely, with negotiation and bargaining between parties. | | |
| 2.2. Interest groups, government departments & other actors all argue in defense of their own interests | | |
| 2.3. Budgetary concerns, redistribution of wealth & the protection of existing programs dominates all policy debates | | |

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| 2.4 Symbolic policies are always an outcome of bargaining | | |
| 2.5 Policy formation continues even after initial legislation has been passed | | |
| 2.6 Material policies provide tangible resources or substantive power to their beneficiaries | | |
| 2.7 Collective policies are provided for all people and indivisible goods that benefit everyone | | |
| 2.8 Govt provided Private goods can be broken into units and purchased by an individual user in the marketplace | | |
| 2.9 Systems theory views political systems as entities that take in inputs in the form of demands and supports and process these into outputs (public policies) and give feedback to the environment. | | |
| 2.10 Institutionalism explains political life as revolving around government institutions like legislatures, executives, courts, and political parties. | | |

Question 3

- 3.1. Write a short paragraph describing the six key stages of the policy making process. (15)

Question 4

- 4.1. Using an example from the South African policy environment, briefly analyze how the public has participated in the policy processes. (15)

SECTION B is worth the other 50 marks and will be showing in the exam tab from 23:59 on 3 June.



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Section B: Introduction – Western Political Philosophy

Answer all three questions

(50 marks)

Question 1:

Define in two paragraphs what Plato means by philosopher-ruler, and what qualifies individuals for this role. (20)

Question 2:

Explain in two paragraphs what Aristotle defines as the best Constitution. (15)

Question 3:

Discuss in two paragraphs how Hobbes defines man in a state of nature. (15)