

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS



May/June 2025

CPD1501**Citizenship, Public Participation and Democracy****100 Marks****Duration 4 (four) Hours**

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR A TAKE-HOME EXAM ON MYEXAMS**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE ANSWERING THE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.**

1. The examination question paper counts **100 marks**. Answer all of the questions.
2. This examination question paper consists of **six (6) pages**.
3. The duration of the examination is **four (4) hours**.
4. In addition to the duration of the examination indicated on the timetable, you are given **30 minutes to FINALISE the uploading of your exam file**. Your exam file must be uploaded via the myExams platform on **15 May 2025 BEFORE 16:15 PM (South African Standard Time)**.
5. This is an **open-book examination**. You may consult your prescribed study material during the examination. However, you may not simply copy and paste answers.
6. This examination is proctored via the Invigilator App. You are required to activate (or log in to) the Invigilator app between **11:30 AM and 12:15 PM (South African Standard Time)**.

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7. When ready to submit, open the Take-Home (Assignment) assessment again and click on the Add Submission button.

- 7.1 **Note: You only get 10 minutes after the due time to submit your script on the Invigilator App and 30 minutes on the myExams portal.**

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Due date	Saturday, 11 June 2022, 12:00 AM
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- 7.2. Note the file requirements such as:
a. File size limit; b. Number of files that can be submitted; c. File formats allowed.

- 7.3. Check the acknowledgment checkbox and upload your answers document and then click on the Save changes button.

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Word document .doc

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- 7.6 Use proper PDF conversion software to create the final file for upload. Free PDF conversion software is available on the Internet.
- 7.7 Add your student number and the module code in the file name. That will assist you to select the correct document to upload during submission.
- 7.8 You are advised to preview your submission (answer script) to ensure legibility and that the correct answer script file has been uploaded.
8. It is preferred that your take-home exam is typed. However, handwritten submissions will also be accepted.
9. Whether your answers are typed or handwritten, your submission on the myExams platform on Moodle must be made in the form of **one PDF** document. Only the last file uploaded and submitted will be marked.
- 9.1 Your examination answer file will not be marked if:
- 9.1.1 you send your examination answer file via email.
 - 9.1.2 you submit the incorrect examination answer file. A mark of 0% will be awarded.
 - 9.1.3 you submit your exam answer file on an unofficial examination site.
 - 9.1.4 you submit your examination answer file in the incorrect file format.
 - 9.1.5 you submit a password-protected or “read only” document.
 - 9.1.6 you submit your examination answer file late
 - 9.1.7 you submit your answer file from a registered student account that is not your own.
10. The mark awarded for an illegible examination answer file submission will be your final mark. You will not be allowed to resubmit after the closing date and time of the exam.
11. If your answers are typed, ensure that the following requirements are adhered to. Items 11.3-11.5 applies to written assignments as well.
- 11.1 The text must be typed in Arial font, size 12.
 - 11.2 The text must be justified.
 - 11.3 All of the pages must be numbered in the right-hand corner at the bottom of the page.

- 11.4 South African English and not American English should be used. For example, the correct spelling is “Labour”; not “Labor”. Do not use abbreviations or SMS language.
- 11.5 All quotes that are two lines long (or less), must form part of the main text, and be placed in quotation marks. Where a quotation is longer than two lines, it must be typed in a separate paragraph in size 11 font and must be indented by 1 cm. No quotation marks are required when the quotations stand alone. Use quotations very sparingly. In this take-home exam, a maximum of 5% of the text may be quoted.
12. When answering the take-home exam questions, remember that an open-book exam is a test at a higher level than the usual type of exam, where memory is tested as much as insight. In an open-book exam, you need not memorise any information. You are expected to prove that you can use information, rather than merely repeat it. In brief, what is being tested is factual knowledge, understanding and the correct application thereof, not memory skills. For this reason, you do not earn marks by merely detailing a list of all the information that you think might be relevant to a particular question. This gives no indication that you know what statutory or other provisions are applicable in a specific context. You are expected to identify precisely what information applies, and then explain why you think so.
- 12.1 Because you have the study material available when answering questions, we do not give marks for direct quotations from the study material. You are assessed on your level of understanding of the legal principles by looking at how well you convey the principles.
- 12.2 **PLEASE DO NOT CUT AND PASTE ANSWERS FROM THE STUDY GUIDE (OR ANY OTHER SOURCE).**
13. You must complete the online declaration of own work when submitting.
- 13.1 By ticking the Honesty Declaration, you confirm that you have read (i) the University’s [Policy on Copyright Infringement and Plagiarism](#) and the [Student Disciplinary Code](#), which are both available on myUnisa: www.unisa.ac.za/unisarules, and (ii) the information relating to student values and plagiarism that is found at <https://www.unisa.ac.za/sites/myunisa/default/Study-@-Unisa/Student-values-and-rules>
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- 13.3 Unless a student is exempted because of disability or incarceration, students who have not utilised invigilation or proctoring tools will be deemed to have transgressed Unisa’s examination rules and will have their marks withheld.

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For all other exam-related challenges, you may contact the SCSC on 080 000 1870 or e-mail Examenquiries@unisa.ac.za or refer to [Get-Help](#) for the list of additional contact numbers.

Question 1: Citizenship Law and Acquisition of Citizenship

Your neighbour from the Republic of Ero intends to obtain South African citizenship by naturalisation. Her country of origin, Ero, allows dual citizenship. As a legal expert, your neighbour requests more information about the different forms of acquiring citizenship in South Africa.

Therefore, explain to your neighbour the legal framework governing the acquisition of South African citizenship in terms of the Constitution, particularly the South African Citizenship Act 88 of 1995. In your answer, explain her prospects for obtaining citizenship by naturalisation in South Africa. (25)

Question 2: Forms of Democracy

Your two friends, who are always informative and insightful on governance, politics, law, political sciences and public administration issues, have a heated debate on the similarities and differences between representative and participatory democracy. As a potential resolver of the debate, they opted to request your opinion about the issue at hand.

Hence, evaluate and explain the extent to which South Africa's constitutional and legal framework reflects a combination of representative and participatory democracy, and pinpoint if there are any similarities and differences between the two variables. Use the relevant constitutional and legal provisions and case law to support your answer. (25)

Question 3: Public Participation in Local Government

Public participation in South African local government has dwindled because local residents are disgruntled with constant poor service delivery and the lack of efficient and effective response to their calls for better services.

Thus, discuss the constitutional and legal mechanisms for ensuring efficient and effective public participation in local government decision-making processes. Analyse one court case that illustrates the application or challenges of these mechanisms. (25)

Question 4: Civic and Voter Education Law

The provision of civic and voter education is crucial for promoting massive electoral participation in the democratic electoral process. The Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) is legally responsible for conducting civic and voter education, primarily focusing on target groups such as women, the youth, persons with disabilities, people in rural areas, etc.

Accordingly, examine the role of the IEC in promoting civic and voter education under the Electoral Commission Act 51 of 1996. Assess the legal and practical challenges in ensuring effective civic and voter education in rural communities. (25)

TOTAL: 100 MARKS

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