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**FINAL EXAMINATIONS, MAY 2019**

**TITLE OF PAPER: DEMOCRACY, POLITICAL PARTIES  
AND ELECTIONS**

**MODULE CODE: POL 402**

**TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Answer any two (2) questions**
- 2. All questions carry equal marks of 50each**

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GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR**

1. Define democracy, and highlight the practical challenges of achieving it.
2. Compare and contrast direct democracy and representative democracy.
3. Identify and discuss any five indicators of democracy. In your answer highlight the practical challenges of implementing these indicators.
4. Define political parties and critically discuss their functions.
5. Critically comment on the view that, 'political parties are modern anachronism' Cyril James (1992)
6. Critically comment on the effectiveness of elections as a mechanism choosing leaders.