



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)

ASC 323: FUNDAMENTALS OF GENDER AND SOCIETY

DATE: 11/12/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- a) Differentiate between gender and sex and discuss how gender influences how boys and girls are disciplined and educated in the African context. (8 marks)
- b) Examine the changing gender roles in society and why they are important to development in Africa. (10 marks)
- c) Discuss factors that have led to low enrolment rates among females in science and research institutions in Africa (6 marks)
- d) Discuss ways to prevent sexual violence and abuse in institutions (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss how gender portrayed in advertisements and the media is detrimental to the body image of young adults. (10 marks)
- b) Explain why it is important to increase women's access to equal opportunities in public governance. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the methods that political parties can use to promote women involvement to achieve gender equity in politics. (10 marks)
- b) Describe how to increase enrolment of both boys and girls attain proper education and equity in education. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) The workplace is an important test of gender equality in our societies. Discuss how to improve the workplace to make it gender friendly. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the role of family in breaking gender stereotypes among children. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Define the role of teachers in developing positive attitudes towards people of the opposite gender. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the role of society in reducing the poverty gap between men and women. (10 marks)