



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 401: LAW AND SOCIETY

DATE: 9/12/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain FIVE outstanding characteristics of Law with reflection on its definition (10 marks)
- b) Examine the difference between Legal Rules and Moral Rules, Rules of Custom and Etiquettes (5 marks)
- c) Outline FIVE sources of Kenyan Law (5 marks)
- d) Describe some of the core basic assumptions of sociological jurists in relation to Law and Society (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine the functions of law in society. (10 marks)
- b) Describe the impact of private ownership of means of production to development in the Kenyan society as it relates to the Marxist view (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the following types of Laws in Kenya; Customary Law, Civil Law, Criminal Law, Family Law and Industrial Law. (10 marks)
- b) Analyze the Legal Realism theoretical perspective of law (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) While citing examples, discuss the influence of law on social change and vice versa, (10 marks)
- b) Explain the principles of legality as outlined by modern natural law theorists (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Use examples to examine the extent to which the Kenya legal system reinforces a male perspective with reference to the feminist legal theory (15 marks)
- b) Describe the dysfunctions of law in society (5 marks)