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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS
(SOCIOLOGY)

ASC 323: FUNDAMENTALS OF GENDER AND SOCIETY

DATE: 8/8/2016

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS.

Answer Question One and any other TWO questions.

1. a) Define the following concepts as used in gender:
 - i) Social construction of gender. (3 marks)
 - ii) Women and development and gender and development. (3 marks)
 - iii) Femininity. (3 marks)
 - iv) Masculinity. (3 marks)
 - v) Gender theories. (3 marks)
- b) Explain the concept of 'gender equality'. (7 marks)
- c) Outline the practical gender needs as opposed to strategic gender interests. (8 marks)
2. a) Explain the concept of gender and sex as it is used in gender roles. (10 marks)
- b) Describe five issues affecting women that were highlighted during Beijing platform for action of 1995. (10 marks)

3. Explain the following frameworks on feminist theories of gender and development.
- i.Liberal femsinism. (6 marks)
 - ii.Modernization theory. (7 marks)
 - iii.Radical feminist theory. (7 marks)
4. Explain the concept of gender mainstreaming and its contribution to gender equality. (20 marks)
5. Despite too much talk of achieving gender equality by addressing problems facing women, too little has been done to improve the lives of grassroot women. Discuss. (20 marks)