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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC204 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

DATE: 18/12/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS.

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Identify the FIVE characteristics of a sociological theory. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the relevance of theory in research. (10 marks)
- c) Discuss the building blocks of a scientific sociological theory. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Kenya's main challenges relate to resource distribution. Explain the validity of this statement in relation to Conflict theory by Karl Marx. (10 marks)
- (b) Explain five criticisms of the structural functional perspective. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the positivist paradigm on the attainment of scientists' knowledge. (10 marks)
- b) Examine the contribution of Augustine Comte to the development of sociological theory (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) A George Casper human is widely regarded as the 'father' of social exchange theory. Explain his six propositions of rational choice theory. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss Feminist Theory as a means of giving females a voice in development. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine Giddens four aspects of modern society that differ from earlier traditional form of social organization. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the main features of Max Weber's theory of bureaucracy. (10 marks)