



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 301: SOCIOLOGY OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

DATE: 1/8/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the Theory of Primitive Promiscuism. (8 marks)
- b) Use the basic principles of the structural functionalism theory to explain the functions of the family. (10 marks)
- c) Identify and explain any four rules of descent. (12 marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain any five methods of acquiring a mate which were popularly acceptable with the African cultures. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the origin of the family. (10 marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the functions of the clan. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss phratry and distinguish it from moiety. (10 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Classify the family into five in relation to the rule of residence. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the main causes of divorce in the society in your own opinion. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Kinship is governed by some basic principles which can be called the 'facts of life'.  
Discuss. (10 marks)
- b) Identify and explain the main challenges of the family today. (10 marks)