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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)
BACHELOR OF ARTS**

ASC 103: SOCIAL STRUCTURE OF AFRICAN SOCIETIES

DATE: 5/6/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Macro-sociologist view social structures differently from the micro-sociologists. Use clearly explained definitions to present the two differing views. (10 marks)
- b) “Social structures are not static”. Explain this statement. (10 marks)
- c) Using relevant examples, explain the ethno methodological view of social construction of reality. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Use examples to distinguish between social structures and social institutions. (5 marks)
- b) Use Firth’s view to distinguish social structures from social organizations. (5 marks)
- c) Discuss the Marxist view of social structures. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Social structures in Africa have undergone changes since pre colonial times. Use Emile Durkheim's concept of social solidarity to explain social change. (10 marks)
- b) Use examples to show the differences between social evolution and revolution.(10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Robin Fox speaks of four basic principles which governed the kinship system also called the "facts of life". Identify and explain these principles. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the term 'descent' and explain the various principles by which an individual in different communities have used to traces descent. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the two predominant types of political organization in the Pre-colonial African societies. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the impact of colonial education of the African social structures. (10 marks)