



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Kenyatta University)
University Examinations for 2015/2016 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR ARTS

ASC 322 SOCIAL PROBLEMS

DATE: 3/8/2016

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS.

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1.
 - a) Using relevant examples, distinguish between Social problem and Social structure as used in sociology. (4 marks)
 - b) Compare the causes of social problems and solutions as stated by theorists: Karl Marx and E. Durkheim. (10 marks)
 - c) Discuss four social problems affecting the youths in the society today (8 marks)
 - d) Using relevant examples, distinguish between formal and informal sanctions as used in the society and their social impacts. (8 marks)
2.
 - a) Discuss the cycle of poverty. (12 marks)
 - b) Compare and contrast the Marxist and non-Marxist theories of social conflict. (8 marks)

3. a) Discuss six strategies put in place by the government to address the social problems in Kenya. (12 marks)
b) Explain four common conflicts suffered in a dynamic community. (8 marks)
4. a) Discuss the environment as a major role player to social problems. (12 marks)
b) Describe any two sociological theories that support the study of social problems in the society (8 marks)
5. a) Religion is a major player to social problem elimination in our society. Discuss. (12 marks)
b) Explain the application of Marxist theory in our present society. (8 marks)