



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University examination for 2021/2022 academic year

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**FOURTH YEAR SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF ARTS**

ASC 401: LAW AND SOCIETY

DATE: 8/3/2023

TIME: 11.00 – 1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Write short notes on the following **(21 marks)**
- i. Law and social institutions
 - ii. Law and social change
 - iii. Law and jurisprudence
 - iv. Legitimacy and illegitimacy in law
 - v. Civil cases
 - vi. Law and solidarity
 - vii. Law and culture
- b) Provide five characteristics of law **(5 Marks)**
- c) Differentiate between formal and informal means of social control **(4 marks)**

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Define civil case **(2 marks)**
- b) Identify and discuss any five complaints that may be categorized as civil cases **(10 marks)**
- c) Social process theory views criminality as a function of people's interactions with various organizations, institutions, and processes in society. Discuss the three main branches of social process theory in relation to deviance and criminal behavior **(8 marks)**

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

A fundamental tenet of legal liberalism is that law can be a powerful tool for creating social change that expands rights, secures equality, and promotes social justice. Discuss

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Briefly discuss the functionalist's views about the existence of law in our society **(10 marks)**
- b) Present five critiques against the consensus theorists' views on the existence of law **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss how the following social factors reinforce criminal behavior

- i. Labelling
- ii. Socialization
- iii. Environmental factors
- iv. Early childhood experiences