



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2017/2018

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (STATISTICS AND PROGRAMMING)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 100: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

DATE: 20/12/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain any three sociological concepts applied in sociology. (6 marks)
- b) Discuss the key contributions of Karl Max to the study of sociology. (6 marks)
- c) Explain any three types of socialization. (6 marks)
- d) In your own view, what challenges are ailing the family social institution in the society and what remedies can you propose to address them. (6 marks)
- e) Examine the role played by education in the society. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the arguments that symbolic interactionist theory puts forward in relation to society. (10 marks)
- b) Evaluate the interdependence between social institutions in relation to the social statics analogy which was improved by Hebert Spencer. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the characteristics of culture. (10 marks)
- b) Define socialization and discuss any four ways of socializing people in the society.

(10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Social change has continued to erode the traditional role of social institutions in the socialization process. Discuss the validity of this claim.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Making reference to relevant examples, examine the contributions of the game theory and social exchange theory to the study of society.