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University Examinations for 2015/2016 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 204: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

DATE: 8/8/2016

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS.

Answer Question One and any other TWO questions.

1.
 - (a) Define sociological theory and explain its role in the society. (9 marks)
 - (b) Discuss any four characteristics of social theories. (8 marks)
 - (c) Explain the various types of sociological theories. (6 marks)
 - (d) Illustrating relevant examples in Kenya, briefly examine Karl Marks' concept of "class" and its elements. (7 marks)
2.
 - (a) Using appropriate examples, prove the relevance of the structural functionalism in the understanding of the Kenyan society. (10 marks)
 - (b) "Social life is basically governed by self interest and reciprocity." Using the social change theory, explain this statement". (10 marks)

3. (a) Examine the importance of studying sociological theories. (10 marks)
- (b) Using relevant examples, critically examine the functionalist theoretical perspective. (10 marks)
4. (a) Examine Herbert Spencer's evolutionary theory and its contribution to understanding the social process. (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss the following theories:
- i) Symbolic interactionism
 - ii) Ethno methodology (4 marks)
 - iii) Phenomenology (3 marks)
 - iv) Symbolic interactionism (3 marks)
5. (a) Using suitable answers, outline how sociological theory can be used to explain poverty in Africa. (10 marks)
- (b) Critically examine the feminism theory and explain how it can be used in bridging the gender differences and inequality gap in Africa. (10 marks)