



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 204: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

DATE: 10/12/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the discipline of sociology as a multi-perspectival science (6 marks)
- b) Describe the purpose and significance of theory in the sociological discipline (6 marks)
- c) Explain some of the distinctions between sociological theories and theories of natural sciences (6 marks)
- d) Discuss the three broad schools of thought that influence the coining of sociological knowledge and theories (6 marks)
- e) Explain the significance of evolution theory in accounting for the development of societies in developing countries (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the EIGHT social forces in the development of sociological theory (10marks)
- b) Describe the intellectual forces and the Enlightenment and their contribution to the rise of sociological theory (10marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) “A society is a system like the human body or an automobile engine.” Discuss this statement in relation to structural functionalism (10 marks)
- b) Describe the symbolic interactionism theoretical perspective and how it exemplifies relationships in the society (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the gender inequality gaps present in our current Kenyan society. (10 marks)
- b) Use the feminism theory to illustrate how gender differences and inequality gaps can be bridged in Africa. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine the nature of social change as a contemporary sociological theoretical perspective (10 marks)
- b) Describe Kenya's social change in relation to Auguste Comte's postulated three stages of social change. (10 marks)