



# **MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY**

**University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year**

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**ASC 301: SOCIOLOGY OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY**

**DATE: 9/8/2021**

**TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS.**

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**QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)**

- a) Define the following terms (4 marks)
  - i) Kinship
  - ii) Dowry
- b) Describe the concept of marriage as postulated by Thakur, A.P. and Banerjee, A. (2004). (10 marks)
- c) Illustrate the two rules of marriage. (4 marks)
- c) Examine domestic violence as an emerging issue in marriage and the family. (10 marks)
- d) State any two types of family. (2 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Debate the classical concept of marriage according to Comte and Durkheim. (10 marks)
- b) Analyze the following sociological theories on marriage and the family. (10 marks)
  - i) The Social Exchange theory
  - ii) The Family System theory

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Using relevant examples, describe the changing trends in marriage. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the factors responsible for the changes in marriage. (10 marks)

#### **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Analyze functions that the family as an institution shares with other social institutions in the following areas. (10 marks)
- i) Economic support
  - ii) Education
  - iii) Health and mental wellness
  - iv) Religion
  - v) Recreation
- b) Discuss the family life cycle (10 marks)

#### **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Clearly evaluate the following aspects of marriage in Kenyan context as per the marriage Act (2014). (10 marks)
- i) Conversion of marriage
  - ii) Blood relations
  - iii) Void marriage
- b) Describe five marriages recognized in Kenya as per the marriage Act (2014). (10 marks)