



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)

HCM 411: GERONTOLOGY

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Describe the following terms:-
 - i. Gerontology (2 marks)
 - ii. Ageism (2 marks)
 - iii. Caregiver (2 marks)
 - iv. Ageist stereotypes (2 marks)
 - v. Geriatrics (2 marks)
- b) Explain the significance of the bio-psychosocial model in the study of aging and social welfare services (4 marks)
- c) Describe three factors influencing the development of human beings throughout adulthood. (6 marks)
- d) Discuss the importance of the study of ageing and social welfare services in the society. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

As an expert in the field of gerontology, discuss, with suitable examples, five perspectives of ageing in the society. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Distinguish between activity theory and disengagement theory as used in explaining ageing process of older adults (8 marks)
- b) With relevant examples, discuss four possible branches of Gerontology as a consultant on ageing and social welfare services. (12 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) With relevant examples, explore five common ageist practices or thoughts amongst the younger population towards the elderly. (10 marks)
- b) While citing suitable examples, discuss five legal frameworks for older adults available in Kenya. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Some social roles change while others remain with us throughout our lives; discuss five social roles of older adults in the society. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss five social security measures to ensure comfortable ageing among older adults in developing countries. (10 marks)