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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 101: SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

DATE: 15/12/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Define Social anthropology (2 marks)
- b) Explain THREE factors responsible for social change in the Kenyan society. (6 marks)
- c) What do you understand by the following concepts? (8 marks)
 - i) Cultural relativism
 - ii) Ethnocentrism
 - iii) Cultural shock
 - iv) Kinship
- d) Using suitable examples, illustrate the relationship between anthropology and sociology. (6 marks)
- e) Explain the main stages of human evolution. (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Citing relevant examples where applicable, explain the following branches of anthropology:

- a) Physical and Biological anthropology (5 marks)
- b) Linguistic anthropology (5 marks)

- c) Archeology (5 marks)
- d) Cultural anthropology (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss any FOUR founding fathers of anthropology. (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss FOUR characteristics of culture in the context of social anthropology. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) Define marriage and describe its MAJOR forms. (10 marks)
- (b) Describe the reasons why religion is important to human societies. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- (a) 'Urbanization in most developing countries has led to more harm than good'. In the light of this statement, discuss the effects of urbanization on the Kenyan society. (10 marks)
- (b) Examine the MAIN research methods in anthropology. (10 marks)