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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
(ARTS)

ASC 301: SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY AND MARRIAGE

DATE: 1/8/2016

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS.

Answer Question One and any other TWO questions.

- 1)
 - a) Describe the various forms of marriage in our society today. (8 marks)
 - b) Elaborate on the family structures in contemporary society. (10 marks)
 - c) Explain kinship as an organizing principle for life. (7 marks)
 - d) Analyze how most societies view marriage. (5 marks)
2.
 - a) Critically analyze the causes of divorce and separation in the contemporary society. (10 marks)
 - b) The current sociology of childhood is organized around three central discussions. Analyze them. (10 marks)
3.
 - a) discuss the following contemporary theories surrounding motherhood
 - i. Universalist approach (5 marks)
 - ii. Particularistic approach (5 marks)
 - b) Families in modern society are very diversified. Discuss the different types of family diversity. (10 marks)

4. a) Describe the several phases of the retirement experience. (7 marks)
- b) Identify the stages of the experience of dying that a member of a family may undergo. (3 marks)
- c) Highlight the functions of marriage and family in modern society. (5 marks)
- d) Comment on the general parenting considerations (5 marks)
5. The modern family is increasingly complex and has changed profoundly. Discuss this statement. (20 marks)