



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 324: CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

DATE: 13/4/2023

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Illustrate the social and intellectual drives in the development of sociology and sociological theories. (20 marks)
- b) Discuss one contemporary sociological theory and how it can be applied to explain the society (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Gender inequality is a major challenge today. Discuss:

- a) The contributing factors (10 marks)
- b) What we can do as sociologists to reverse this trend (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) With examples, explain the point of departure between classical and contemporary sociological theories (6 marks)
- b) What specific factors influenced the development of each of these theories (14 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the main sources of inequality in the development of countries according to Emmanuel Wallerstein in World Systems Theory.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Explain Postmodernism Theory as influenced by Information and Communication Technology of the 21st century