



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 301: SOCIOLOGY OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

DATE: 23/7/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the concept of gender equity. (4 marks)
- b) State and explain three reasons why sociologists are interested in the family. (6 marks)
- c) Explain the African and Western concept of the family highlighting the characteristics of each. (6 marks)
- d) Clearly define the difference between polygamy and monogamous forms of family. (4 marks)
- e) Explain FIVE characteristics of family as the basic unit in the society. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the factors that affect divorce in developing countries. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the factors that have led to increase in cohabitation in Kenyan universities. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the benefits of marriage. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the factors that tie Kenyan women to abusive marital relationships. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the main causes of child abuse in Kenyan families. (10 marks)
- b) Examine the factors that lead to happy marriage. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the causes of domestic violence in Kenya. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the major characteristics of a functional family. (10 marks)