



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APS 420: FAMILY PSYCHOLOGY

DATE: 10/12/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following concepts as used in psychology: (10 marks)
- i. Family psychology
 - ii. Family
 - iii. Marriage
 - iv. Character traits
 - v. Temperament
- b) Describe the identifiable tasks that all family systems must contend with. (4 marks)
- c) Discuss the major causes of divorce and marital separation among modern couples. (10 marks)
- d) Highlight various ways of coping with family stress in modern Africa. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Citing relevant examples, discuss the changes that family perspective has undergone in the last fifty years. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe five types of family structures. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the effects of divorce on children. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the role of nature in personality development. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the various forms of invisible loyalties in the family setting. (6 marks)
- c) Explain the various forms of domestic violence. (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the contribution of the feminism theory in the conceptualization of the family. (8 marks)
- b) Discuss the effects of pathological family relationships on children. (12 marks)