

MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 301: SOCIOLOGY OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

DATE: 28/11/2019 TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Define the following terms

(4 marks)

- i. marriage
- ii. family
- b) Describe concept of marriage according to Thakur, A.P. and Banerjee, A. (2004), (10 marks)
- c) Explain the various forms of marriage

(10 marks)

d) Giving example outline two functions of marriage

(6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss classical concept of marriage according to Comte and Durkheim

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Giving examples explain the changing trends in Marriage

(10 marks)

b) Analyze the factors responsible for changes in marriage

(10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Discuss family functions shared with social institutions

(10 marks)

b) Discuss the emerging issues in marriage and the family

(10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Clearly explain following areas in marriage according to the Kenyan marriage Act 159
 - i. Conversion of marriage
 - ii. Blood relation

iii. Void marriage

(10 marks)

b) Briefly explain five marriages recognized in the Kenyan marriage act

(10 marks)