



# **MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY**

**University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year**

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE)**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (APPLIED PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY)**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (FASHION DESIGN AND MARKETING)**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (STATISTICS AND PROGRAMMING)**

**BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SPECIAL NEED EDUCATION)**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY)**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ACTUARIAL SCIENCE)**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (COMPUTER SCIENCE)**

**BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS**

**BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)**

**BACHELOR OF COMMERCE**

**BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS**

**UCU 103: INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING**

**DATE: 7/12/2020**

**TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Explain **any four** ways in which the study of critical and creative thinking is helpful to a university student. (12 marks)
- b) Examine five characteristics of a critical thinker. (10 marks)
- c) Using examples, differentiate between validity and soundness of an argument. (8 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Elaborate any **four** intellectual virtues that critical thinking inculcates in a learner, showing how each promotes transformation.

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

Discuss any **five (5)** barriers to critical thinking.

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Using relevant examples, elucidate any **four (4)** fallacies showing how they can be avoided.

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

With reference to John Stuart Mill's essay '*On Liberty*' discuss the concepts of individuality and sociality.