



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

.....**YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR**

BACHELOR OF ARTS (COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY)

BACHELOR OF ARTS (GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (STATISTICS AND PROGRAMMING)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)

ASC 100: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define sociology according to Max Weber (2 marks)
- b) Who is referred to as the father of sociology (1 mark)
 - i. Karl Marx
 - ii. Herbert Spenser
 - iii. Auguste Comte
 - iv. Durkheim
- c) Describe the scope of sociology (5 marks)
- d) Illustrate how sociology relates with the following social sciences (10 marks)
 - i. Anthropology
 - ii. Social psychology
 - iii. History
- e) Define the following concepts as applied in sociology (8 marks)
 - i. socialization

- ii. culture
 - iii. status
 - iv. social stratification
- f) State any two social institutions in society (2 marks)
- g) Explain why sociology is referred to as a science (2 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Today there is growing realization about the importance of the scientific study of social phenomena. Discuss the personal and professional benefits of learning sociology. (10 marks)
- b) Analyze the following theoretical perspectives in sociology (10 marks)
- a) The Symbolic interactionist perspective
 - b) The functionalist perspective

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Debate why humans are biologically capable of socialization (5 marks)
- b) Analyze the goals of socialization. (5 marks)
- c) Illustrate the mechanism by which social learning in humans takes place. (5 marks)
- d) Compare and contrast the two modes of socialization. (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) What is social relationship? (2 marks)
- b) Discuss the difference between social groups and quasi-social groups. (8 marks)
- c) Mention and discuss the four key concepts developed by symbolic interactionists to analyze the nature of social interaction in everyday life. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Compare social processes with biological processes. (4 marks)
- b) Analyze the different forms of social stratification. (6 marks)
- c) Discuss the social and cultural change that is taking place in the present Kenyan society. (10 marks)