



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)

ASC 203: RURAL SOCIOLOGY

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms: (8 marks)
- i. Poverty line
 - ii. Relative poverty
 - iii. Mass poverty
 - iv. land tenure
- b) Kamau and his wife recently bought land at Machakos town and a title deed in their name was issued to them. What type of ownership did they acquire over the land? (2 marks)
- c) Musembi recently graduated from Machakos University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public administration and he anticipates to settle down in life. He has an option of going to live with his aunt in Kawangware in Nairobi or going back to his village in Kathonzweni. Explain Musembi's probable decision and factors that would influence him. (6 marks)
- d) Alice is a human resource officer with triple K enterprise based in Mombasa town while Joseph is a casual labourer at a village in homabay. Contrast the nature of their labour (6 marks)
- e) Evaluate the concept of rural poverty according to the following scholars: (8 marks)
- i. Robert Chambers
 - ii. Oscar Lewis

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze the contribution of Constituency Development Fund to rural development in Kenya? (10 marks)
- b) Appraise social solidarity according to Ferdinand Tonnies (1855-1936). (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Indicate four relations that portray dynamic characteristic of rural urban continuum (5 marks)
- b) State any five factors of social change (5 marks)
- c) Compare the characteristics of urban and rural societies (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze three institutional features found within the rural societies (10 marks)
- b) The rural economy is at different stages of development with regard to the techniques of production. Explain (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the policy put in place for rural development in Kenya