MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANTIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND/THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 204/324: CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

DATE: 7/12/2021   **TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM**

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a)   Describe the factors that brought about the development of sociological theory   (10 marks)

b)   Discuss any two major contemporary sociological theories   (20 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a)   While citing examples where necessary, illustrate the relevance of sociological theories today.

(12 marks)

b)   Differentiate between the age of enlightenment and the age of revolution.   (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a)   Gender inequality has been a serious challenge even in sociological theorizing. What are: a) The contributing factors?   (10 marks)

b)   How as a sociologist would you reverse this trend?   (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a)   With examples, illustrate the point of departure between classical and contemporary sociological theories   (10 marks)

b)   What was the contribution of the intellectual forces in the development of sociological theory.

(10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Describe the role of works of the following classical theorists in the development of sociological theory:

a)   Auguste Comte   (7 marks)

b)   Emily Durkheim   (6 marks)

c)   Karl Marx   (7 marks)