



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS (GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)

AGD 316: GENDER, CHILDREN AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN AFRICA

DATE: 14/12/2021

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the interventions that can be employed by African governments to address gender inequalities in education and training of African boys and girls. (10 marks)
- b) Analyze the shortcomings incurred in the implementation of the United Nations convention on the rights of the child. (10 marks)
- c) Review the Kenya Children's Act 2001, summarize its main goal and describe its key principles. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Demonstrate the role of culture in gender disparities experienced during growth and development of the child in Africa. (10 marks)
- b) Evaluate the role of African governments in the healthcare of children to ensure attainment of an equal chance for survival and good health for boys and girls. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine the planning issues that African governments can address in education to ensure equal and good quality educational attainment for African boys and girls. (10 marks)
- b) Evaluate the impact of armed conflict on African children who are recruited as child soldiers and war brides. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the challenges faced by African countries in the implementation of the African Charter. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the cultural responsibilities and duties that make African children vulnerable to exploitation and child labour. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) The African charter in article 30 provides for protection of children of imprisoned mothers. Explain how the African governments are expected to implement the article. (10 marks)
- b) Illustrate the role played by development agencies in Africa in protecting the rights of the African child. (10 marks)