



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMMING
COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY
GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

ASC 100: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
MAIN EXAM

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- i. Auguste Comte (1789-1875) is referred to as the father of sociology. State his definition of sociology (2 Marks)
- ii. Explain the scope covered in study of sociology (5 Marks)
- iii. Sociology is different from other sciences in certain respects. Outline its *five* main characteristics (5 Marks)
- iv. A system by which society ranks individuals in hierarchy is referred to as..... It is usually based on three premises: (7 Marks)
 - a.,
 - b.,
 - c.
- v. Summarize **Herbert Spencer's** (1820–1903) contribution as a founder of sociology (5Marks)
- vi. Outline four Principles of Social Stratification (4 Marks)
- vii. Define social change (2 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- i. Define the term theory **(2 Marks)**
- ii. Analyze the following theoretical perspectives in sociology **(15 marks)**
 - a. Structural functionalism (functionalism),
 - b. Social conflict theory and
 - c. Symbolic interactionism.
- iii. Outline *three* contemporary sociological theories that have emerged in recent decades that have heavily influenced sociological and anthropological thinking **(3 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- i. Define the following terms **(2 Marks)**
 - a. social organization
 - b. social groups
- ii. Discuss *five* basic features of social groups **(10 Marks)**
- iii. Explain *four* different distance zones **(8 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- i. Discuss the main attributes of stratification in society according to American sociologist M. M. Tumin, **(10 marks)**
- ii. Define the following terms **(4 Marks)**
 - a. Ascribed status
 - b. Achieved status
- iii. Explain *three* dimensions in which social stratification vary as highlighted by David B. Grusky, **(6 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- i. Define the term socialization. **(2 marks)**
- ii. Discuss *five* goals of socialization according to Broom and Slezni, (1973). **(10 Marks)**
- iii. Distinguish *four* biological characteristics of human beings on which socialization is based **(8 Marks)**