



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS  
ASC 301: SOCIOLOGY OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY  
MAIN EXAM

Date:

Time:

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS.**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- A. Examine the institutions of family and marriage from the following perspectives (20 Marks)
- Structural functionalism perspective
  - Conflict perspective
- B. Define the term family life cycle (2 Marks)
- C. Explain *four* reasons why partners would opt to cohabit (8 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- A. Analyze *two* main family types introduced by sociologists. (4Marks)
- B. Debate how healthy family roles can be developed (8 Marks)
- C. Illustrate *four* functions of a family (8 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- A. Giving examples describe the changing trends in marriage (10 marks)
- B. Explain *five* factors responsible for changes in marriage (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- A. Discuss the family life cycle (10 marks)
- B. Demonstrate *five* marriages recognized in the Kenyan context according to Marriage Act (2014) (10marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- A. Analyze the following emerging issues in marriage and the family (6 Marks)
- Domestic violence

ii. Separation and Divorce

iii. Blended families

B. State two challenges faced in marriage and family institutions **(2 Marks)**

C. Explain two approaches that can be utilized to address the above challenges faced in Marriage and family institutions **(4 Marks)**

D. Define the following terms **(8 marks)**

i. Kinship

ii. Dowry

iii. Family

iv. Marriage