



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WORK**

MAY-AUGUST 2025 TRIMESTER

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: DCS 114

COURSE TITLE: PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES

EXAM DATE:

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TIME: 5:30PM-8:30PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- **Answer any TWO questions**
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

QUESTION ONE

- a) Define participatory approaches in the context of community development. (4 marks)
- b) Explain four roles of community development agents in implementing participatory approaches. (8 marks)
- c) Describe four strategies that community development agents can use to build trust and foster collaboration with community members through the application of participatory approaches. (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO

A faith-based organization is launching a women's empowerment program in a marginalized community where cultural norms often limit women's participation in decision-making.

- a) Describe five factors to consider when selecting appropriate participatory tools to facilitate inclusive engagement of women. (10 Marks)
- b) With five relevant examples justify the application of participatory principles to enhance equitable outcomes in this intervention. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

During an evaluation of a participatory agriculture project in a dryland region, you are asked to assess the effectiveness of Participatory Learning Approach, and Rapid Rural Appraisal that were used over the project cycle.

- a) Analyse how each tool might have been applied during project design, implementation, and monitoring. (10 marks)
- b) Critically assess any five limitations of these tools. (5 Marks)
- c) Suggest any five recommendations to address the above limitations. (5Marks)