



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

**END OF SESSION EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN TRANSFORMATIONAL CHURCH
LEADERSHIP**

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CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

SCHOOL: THEOLOGY

DEPARTMENT: TRANSFORMATIONAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP

COURSE CODE: BTCL1223

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

EXAM DATE: 25th APRIL 2018 5.00AM- MIDNIGHT

DURATION: 3 hours

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all questions carefully before attempting
- Answer **Question ONE (1)** and any other **Two questions (TOTAL MARKS 60)**
- Once you have opened the exam you must complete within the allotted time (3 hours)
- Once you exit the exam you cannot return

Section one: Answer ALL questions (20mks)

1. Sociology is a beneficial partner to the study and practice of Christianity:
 - (a) What is Sociology of Religion? (1mk).
 - (b) With references to some key figures or personalities, discuss how sociology emerged as an academic discipline (5mks).
 - (c) Identify and describe very briefly **FIVE** specialized areas of concern in sociology. How does each sub-area of sociology relate with religion in general? (5mks)
 - (d) Koichi Kitano argues that “God’s unique design of human beings should motivate any Christian to learn all he or she can about social interaction.” State and explain the major factors in God’s design of human beings that are referred to in this context. Give some biblical references for your answers. (5mks).
 - (e) What benefits do Christians derive from the study of sociology of religion as a discipline in communicating the gospel? (4mks)

Section two: Answer any TWO questions (40mks)

2. Being human is the product of many processes including socialization:
 - (a) Compare the biblical concept of man’s humanity to the sociological concept of the same. (5mks).
 - (b) Distinguish between human nature and human nurture. Give some biblical references to support your answer. (5mks).
 - (c) The process of socialization involves a few basic forms of social interaction which occur repeatedly in countless different settings and configurations. State and describe **FIVE** basic forms of social interaction. Which one would you most identify with in your life and ministry? Explain. (5mks).
 - (d) Sociologists explain that socialization occurs wherever there are people. Identify **FOUR** aims of socialization and explain how each would nurture the spiritual atmosphere of a Christian family? (5mks).

3. Human beings are creatures of culture:
 - (a) Briefly discuss the **THREE** conceptions of culture and explain why language is a primary factor to culture? (5mks)
 - (b) Regardless of the diversity among cultures, the fabric of each culture is composed of elements which can be grouped together into categories. Describe the **THREE** components of culture and explain which of the three is the special concern of sociology and why. (5mks)

(c) Social norms have been described as behavior patterns established by cultural rightness and wrongness. Describe **THREE** social norms that are common to any given society. Your description should be under the following three categories:

(i) How does each social norm originate? (ii) What is the chief concern of each norm? (iii) What is the influence of each norm? (5mks)

(d) Briefly explain **FIVE** factors that promote conformity to social norms. (5mks)

4. Society is usually characterized by conformity and contestation:

(a) What is a subculture? Give examples to illustrate your answer. (5mks)

(b) Within any society or subculture, there are those who exhibit deviant behavior, sometimes referred as *contra-cultures*. Identify attitudes and behaviors that are associated with contra-cultures. (5mks).

(c) Briefly describe **THREE** theories for the source of deviant behavior and give practical examples from your own context in support of each theory of deviant behavior. How should evangelical Christians deal with deviant behaviors in the society today? (5mks)

(d) Describe how Christianity is related to the concepts of supra-culture, subculture, and contra-culture. Give some scriptural references in support of each case. (5mks).