



MCS 509: SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

Instructions

There are four questions. Question one is **compulsory**. Answer any other two from questions two to five.

Question 1 (16 marks- compulsory)

Madani community is analyzed to be one that has 10% wealthy members, 25% middle income earners and the other 75% are poor. Schools available for the 75% are limited and not equipped, poor infrastructure network, limited and at times non-functional health centers, limited opportunities for jobs or business, and hardly enough food sources. Yet the status seems undistributed as majority have fitted and accepted this.

- a. As a social worker, suggest a solution to the situation using critical consciousness theory by Paulo Freire. (8 marks).
- b. Using the two principles of the Theory of Justice, show how social justice can be achieved among members of Madani community. (8 marks)

Question two (12 Marks)

Zimmerman (2000) defined Empowerment as a process by which people, organizations, and communities are helped to gain mastery over their lives. Using the logic in this definition;

- a. Explain what you would do to help a community have capacity to *eliminate structures* that block people from achieving better lives and highlight those who would be targeted by these interventions (6 marks)
- b. Ability to change one's circumstances (Self-Efficacy) is more personal than communal. Discuss how this is linked to social justice or injustice as may be perpetuated by community structures. (6 marks)

Question three (12 marks)

Make an analysis of how the concept of 'cultural hegemony' marginalizes people and become oppressive and suggest ways of getting people liberated from the dominance caused by them.

Question Four (12 marks)

Universal Declaration proclaims that "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights." Discrimination is thus seen as going against all this.

- a. Describe any three forms of discrimination in the 21st century in your community. (6 marks)
- b. Discuss the effects of globalization on human rights. (6 marks)

Question five (12 marks)

Arguments have been made to the effect that NGOs though playing a positive role in struggles for social justice, a careful analysis needs to be done on whether they help bring about a more just and equitable world. Make observations based on your experience on the following;

- a. Do the lives of the people served by NGO's became better and sustainable? Discuss (6 marks)
- b. Is the change witnessed propositional to the much resources used? (For example, in the year 2018/2019, according to Annual NGO Sector Report a total of Ksh. 166 billion was received in Kenya alone) (6 marks)