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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY**

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2024 SEMESTER

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: COD 2213

COURSE TITLE: CURRENT SOCIAL ISSUES

EXAM DATE: TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2024

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TIME: 6.00PM-9:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- **Answer question 1 and any other TWO questions**
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (20 MARKS)

Question 1

- a) Describe any **two** stages in the natural history of a social problem. (4 marks)
- b) Explain **two** conditions that qualify a problem to be termed as a social problem. (2 marks)
- c) Differentiate between stimulants and depressants in Substance abuse. (2 marks)
- d) Discuss any **two** research methods used by sociologists to gather information on social problems (4 marks)
- e) Expound any **two** theoretical perspectives in population growth and environmental problems (4 marks)
- f) Sarah, a 25-year-old woman from Nairobi, came out as a lesbian to her parents, who are devout Christians. Her parents were shocked, telling her that homosexuality is sinful and against God's teachings. Her father threatened to disown her, quoting scripture and warning her of eternal damnation. Sarah is now living alone, struggling with depression and feelings of guilt. Citing biblical verses describe any **two** ways you can guide Sarah (4 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS (20 MARKS)

Question 2

Jason, a 17-year-old high school dropout, has been involved in petty crimes, including shoplifting and vandalism. His family lives in a low-income neighborhood with a high crime rate, and he has limited access to positive role models and after-school activities.

- a) Describe **two** interventions that could support Jason in avoiding future crime. (4 marks)
- b) Explain **three** primary causes of crime and delinquency that might apply to Jason's situation. (6 marks)

Question 3

A country has been experiencing ongoing terrorist attacks targeting civilians, infrastructure, and government institutions. Many of these attacks are driven by radical groups opposing government policies, and they often recruit young people from impoverished areas.

- a) Explore **two** socioeconomic factors that make young people vulnerable to recruitment by terrorist organizations. (4 marks)
- b) Discuss **three** root causes of terrorism that could explain why some individuals join radical groups in this country. (6 marks)

Question 4

In a diverse community, there are ongoing tensions between two ethnic groups that have historically competed for limited resources. This has led to increased mistrust, social segregation, and occasional violence. Community leaders are exploring strategies to foster peaceful coexistence.

- a) Expound **two** strategies community leaders could use to reduce ethnic tensions and promote unity. (4 marks)
- b) Illuminate **three** underlying causes of tribalism that might be relevant to this community. (6 marks)

Question 5

Betty, a 30-year-old mother of two, has been experiencing domestic violence from her partner. She feels isolated, lacks family support, and fears for her children's safety but is financially dependent on her partner. Betty is considering reaching out to a local women's shelter for help.

- a) Explain **two** support systems that could assist Betty in finding safety and stability. (4 marks)
- b) Discuss **three** causes of domestic violence. (6 marks)