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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: CDC 219

COURSE TITLE: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

EXAM DATE:

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TIME:

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. Explain **any four** dimensions of a critical theory to demonstrate that a domination-free society is needed. **(10 marks)**
- b. Discuss any **four** sociological theories and demonstrate their application to the practice of community development. **(10 marks)**

Question two

- a. Discuss the extent to which globalization is to blame for Africa's problems. **(10 marks)**
- b. Explore the rationale behind understanding sociological theories as a community developer. **(10 marks)**

Question three

- a. In the light of Durkheim's four types of suicide, explain how society is creating suicide. **(10 marks)**
- b. Giving examples of interventions by your country of choice, and discuss the main contribution of any five types of feminism to community development. **(10 marks)**

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MARKING SCHEME

Question one

- a. Explain **six** dimensions of a critical theory to demonstrate that a domination-free society is needed. **(10 marks)**

There are six dimensions of a critical theory. The first concerns its epistemology, the next three its ontology, and the latter two its praxeology. Epistemology is a theory of knowledge, it deals with how the very concepts that constitute a theory are constituted and organized. Ontology is a theory of being, it deals with the question how reality is organized and develops. Praxeology is the study of human action, especially political action and ethics.

Epistemology

Dialectical reason.

Ontology

Critique of the political economy.

Critique of domination and exploitation.

Ideology critique.

Praxeology

Critical ethics.

Struggles and political practice.

- b. Explain any **four** sociological theories and demonstrate their application to the practice of community development. **(10 marks)**

Then student should be able to explain sociological theories as below and demonstrate their application to community development

Functionalism, feminism, conflict, Critical Theory, Labeling Theory, Social Learning Theory and symbolic interactionism.

Question two

- a. Discuss the extent to which globalization is to blame for Africa's problems. **(10 marks)**

Explain the concept of globalization in relation to contemporary social issues it has resulted in and the contribution of globalization to the same like health, urbanization, communication, war and conflict, and economy among others.

- b. Explore the rationale behind understanding sociological theories as a community developer. **(10 marks)**

Link sociological theories and arguments and propositions to the practices of community development.

Question three

- a. In the light of Durkheim's four types of suicide, explain how society is creating suicide.

(10 marks)

Explain the role of society in causing suicide. Highlight: altruistic, anomic, fatalistic and egocentric types of suicide.

- b. Giving examples of interventions by your country of choice, and discuss the main contribution of any five types of feminism to community development. **(10 marks)**

Discuss propositions around Liberal feminism, Marxist feminism, radical feminism, and socialist feminism, and highlight government initiatives to address gender inequality issues like affirmative action, 2/3 gender rule e.t.c