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**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GENDER STUDIES WITH INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

IGS 102: GENDER AND CULTURE

Date: 8th January, 2016

Time: 2.30 - 4.30pm

- **Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.**



1. a) Citing relevant example, explain the meaning of the following concepts

i. Gender sensitivity

ii. Gender identity

iii. Gender conformity

iv. Sexual orientation

8marks.

b) Outline **five** reasons for the rise of feminism in the 19th century.

10marks.

c) Using appropriate examples, explain **four** cultural commonalities in gender relations.

12marks

2. 'In most cultures, gender has been used to oppress and discriminate against women while empowering men.' Discuss with reference to specific communities in Kenya.

20marks

3. Examine the factors that have influenced changes in gender relations in the recent years.

20marks

4. Using relevant examples, explain how the definition of gender influences the structuring of the societies in Kenya.

20marks

5. Citing relevant examples, explain how politics perpetuate gender disparities and oppression of women in Africa.

20marks