



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

**THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

CITY CAMPUS - REGULAR

**ASO 301: CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL
THEORIES**

Date: 21st November, 2016

Time: 2.00 - 5.00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ANY THREE questions.



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YEAR THREE SEMESTER ONE

KISUMU CAMPUS (REGULAR)

Answer any **THREE** Questions.

1. Examine the basic orientations of neo-functionalism and discuss its weaknesses.
(23.3 marks)
2. Discuss the major arguments made by the Frankfurt School of critical theorists to explain the integration of the working class into the capitalist system.
(23.3 marks)
3. Critique the basic assumptions of social exchange theory as postulated by George Homans.
(23.3 marks)
4. Following Blumer's argument, discuss how language is the fundamental basis of the self and social life.
(23.3 marks)
5. Discuss the key elements of symbolic interaction according to Erving Goffman.
(23.3 marks)
- 6a) Explain the basic propositions of phenomenology.
(11.3 marks)
- b) Discuss the **THREE** types of inquiry necessary for a phenomenology of the social world.
(12 marks)