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FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF COMMERCE AND THIRD YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER BACHELOR
OF BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

HBC 2208/ HCOB 2501: SOCIOLOGY

DATE: APRIL 2012

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: *Answer question one and any other two Questions*

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- What do you understand by paradoxes of human condition? Explain the religious perspectives of human condition. (12 Marks)
- A family is viewed as a basic unit of socialization in any community; however, there has emerged other types of families such as gay and lesbian families. Analyze the necessity of a family in the present modern day societies. (10 Marks)
- Karl Max once remarked that human beings alone are subjects because they consciously act on and create the world of work, shaping their lives, cultures and personalities. However, that many workers dislike their jobs in no secret. Discuss (8 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

The role of education institution to a society cannot be underrated or ignored at any moment. With clear illustrations, discuss the contributions of education in a society. (20 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- Pre-industrial cities involved primary production in farms, mining and forestry. However they encountered various challenges in delivering services to inhabitants. Explain. (12 Marks)
- Functionalist theorists explain the emergence of the state and its dominant position in modern societies in terms of functions that it serves in maintaining social systems as a whole. Discuss. (8 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Basing your argument on any theory of social stratification (conflict theory or exchange theory or functionalist theory): Discuss social stratification in Kenyan society during the 21st century. (20 Marks)