MASENO UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CITY CAMPUS)

ASO 101: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Date: 31ˢᵗ July, 2013   *Time: 2.30 – 4.30 p.m.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write your University Registration Number on every answer booklet you use.
2. Do not write your name on any paper you use.
3. The questions are set out in TWO sections, A and B.
4. Read very carefully the additional instructions preceding each section.

SECTION A: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (SAQs) (30 MARKS)

INSTRUCTIONS:

  a). There are **SEVEN(7)** questions in this section.
  b). Answer **ALL** the questions in the **ANSWER BOOKLET** provided.

1. a)Define sociology .   (2 marks)

  b) State three reasons why it is important to study sociology in public health.   (3 marks)

2.Citing relevant examples outline **FIVE** characteristics of an industrial society as indicated by Emile Durkheim.(**5 marks**)

3.Briefly describe the role the family plays as a social institution in shaping the society. (**5 marks**)

4.a) Define socialization.(**1 mark**)
  b) State FOUR effects of socialization.   (**4 marks**)

5.Differentiate between a taboo and a belief.   (3marks)

6.Outline the main assumptions of structural functionalism theory   (**5 marks**)

7.Briefly explain the relationship between sociology and psychology.   (**2 marks**)

SECTION B: LONG ESSAY QUESTIONS (LEQs) (40 MARKS)

INSTRUCTIONS :
  a. There are **THREE (3)** questions in this section
  b. All questions in this section have equal marks
  c. Answer **ANY TWO (2)**questions in the **ANSWER BOOKLET** provided

1.Using relevant examples, describe the process of the scientific method used in sociology.

        (**20 marks**)

2.Discuss how the contribution of Karl Marx to sociology can be used to explain health disparity in Kenya.   (**20 marks**)

3. Discuss the effect of culture on the process of behaviour change in relation to health and illness in Kenya.   (**20 marks**)