



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
(AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION)

AEC 201: SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2016

TIME: 2:00-4:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and ANY other TWO Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Describe the following terms as applied in sociology (6 marks)
- i) Sociology
 - ii) Socialization
 - iii) Social stratification
- b) Briefly describe the importance of studying sociology for a student of development (5 marks)
- c) Briefly describe C. Wright Mills' claim concerning the importance of the sociological imagination for individuals (5 marks)
- d) Briefly explain the contribution of Robert Merton to the development of the functionalism paradigm. (5 marks)
- e) Describe different styles of leadership that can be adopted in development oriented groups in society (6 marks)
- f) Explain the concept of social change and explain how it relates to development (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Compare and contrast the conflict and the symbolic interactionism theories of culture (10 marks)
- b) Describe contributions of the following scholars in the development of sociology as a discipline (10 marks)
- i) Karl Marx (5 marks)
 - ii) Auguste Comte (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Sociologists generally classify societies along a spectrum of their level of industrialization. In light of this discuss giving examples three broad classifications of societies (6 marks).
- b) Explain five agents of socialization in the contemporary world that a development promoter can use to resocialise individuals towards development (10 marks)
- c) Using practical/hypothetical examples, explain the difference between formal and informal social control. (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss Emile Durkheim's functionalist perspective of the society (10 marks)
- b) Explain the difference between the terms equity and equality as used in sociological studies (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss five elements of culture that a development worker must understand to aid them in executing development activities (10 marks)
- b) Describe the systematism in the scientific method of conducting sociological research (10 marks)

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