



# **GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA**

## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS JANUARY - APRIL 2021 SEMESTER**

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**COURSE CODE: COMD 410**

**COURSE TITLE: SOCIAL STRATIFICATION**

**DATE: 12 MAY 2021**

**TIME: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
3. **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
4. ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

**CAUTION:** All exam rooms are under CCTV surveillance during the examination period

## **SECTION A: COMPULSORY**

### **QUESTION ONE**

- a) What do you understand by the term social stratification? Explain using suitable examples
- b) Examine the distinguishing features of social stratification. **[15 Marks]**
- c) Using examples from a community of your choice , demonstrate the various types of social mobility **[15 Marks]**
- d) Criticise functionalist theory as advanced by Talcott Parson and others in understanding our present day society **[8 Marks]**

## **SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION TWO**

- a) In your opinion, why is social stratification important? Discuss using suitable examples **[10 Marks]**
- b) Discuss how our Kenyan society is currently stratified **[10 Marks]**

### **QUESTION THREE**

- a) Analyse the Marxist/ conflict theory in society classification. **[10 Marks]**
- b) Using suitable examples, give characteristics of each of the three social classes (Upper, Middle and **[10 Marks]**

### **QUESTION FOUR**

- a) What is social mobility? Explain using examples from your community **[5 Marks]**
- b) Discuss the significance of social stratification in our society today **[15 Marks]**

### **QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Discuss the following forms of societal organization using suitable examples
  - a. Free and slave
  - b. Caste
  - c. Meritocracy **[12 Marks]**
- b) Using suitable examples, elaborate the four elements of social stratification. **[8 Marks]**