



GRE TSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS JANUARY - APRIL 2021 SEMESTER

BACHELOR OF ARTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: COMD 104

COURSE TITLE: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

DATE: 10 MAY 2021

TIME: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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) Using suitable examples, discuss the importance of sociological theories in our society today
[10 Marks]
- b) The Government wants Institutions of higher learning to stop offering Sociology as course, but Sociologists have opposed the Government's recommendation. Give reasons why you think Sociologists would not want the discipline to be scrapped from our curriculum [10 Marks]
- c) Sociocultural theory is an emerging theory in psychology that looks at the important contributions that society makes to individual development, discuss using examples the significance of culture in the society [10 Marks]
- d) The proponents of Connectivism argue that knowledge flows through a network of humans and non-humans. Give reasons why this theory is applicable more in the present society than it was in the past [10 Marks]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION TWO

- a) Guided by symbolic interactionism theory, identify any four symbols in Kenya today and discuss its significance [10 Marks]
- b) Using suitable examples, demonstrate the application of socio cultural theory in the society today [10 Marks]

QUESTION THREE

- a) According to functionalist perspective each aspect of the society is interdependent and contributes to society functioning as a whole. Do you agree with this proposition? Justify your answer using suitable examples [10 Marks]
- b) The world systems theory characterises the world as a mechanism which redistributes resources from the periphery to the core. Using suitable examples, argue for or against this statement [10 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR

- a) According to role theory, human behavior is guided by expectations held both by the individual and by other people. Discuss the significance of this theory using examples from your community [10 Marks]

- b) Your former high school has invited you to mentor and give motivational speech to four candidates. Demonstrate any five impression management strategies that you will apply during your two days stay at the institution **[10 Marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Using suitable examples, distinguish between behaviorism and Cognitivism approach to social learning **[6 Marks]**
- b) In your assessment which of the two theories in 5 (a) above best explains social learning? demonstrate using suitable examples **[8 Marks]**
- c) Distinguish between organic solidarity and mechanical solidarity using examples from Kenya **[6 Marks]**

QUESTION SIX

- a) According to Anti-feminists theorists, women have advanced in all spheres and share equal status with men. Using relevant examples, argue for or against this statement **[10 Marks]**
- b) Conflict theorists argue that the main cause of conflicts in the society is inequalities, using relevant examples, demonstrate any five forms of inequalities in Kenya today **[10 Marks]**