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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
(BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)

Date: 15th August, 2024
Time: 11.30am – 1.30pm

KLC 2416 SOCIOLOGY

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

CASE STUDY

SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Margret Kavaka works as a programme manager with an International Non-Governmental Organization that deal with women empowerment in Kakunike location. In the 2024 -2028 strategic plan, the organization

plans to have programmes aimed to strengthening the social institutions within the society as way of ensuring women condition and position in the society is strengthened. It is hoped that the social institutions shall not only act as an avenue for social change but as a catalyst for women empowerment. One of the strategies Margret and her team are using is community mobilization through the women groups and other social groups in the locality. However, the challenge the team is facing is that many of these groups are faced with numerous challenges that hinder their progress. The church and other religious denominations like the Muslim leaders have been at the fore front in collaborating with organization to ensure it succeeds in its endeavour.

The government and its local leadership has also been working hand in hand with the INGO in for benefits of the community members. The other challenge the organization is facing are related to emerging of new trends related to both environmental and health challenges. To succeed in their endeavour, Margret and her team are dedicated to ensure that their programmes and the strategic plans are anchored on the Sustainable Development Goals so as to attract international support and recognition. The global sustainable development has close relevance to the vision 2030 which through the social pillar outlines clearly the role of social institutions in complimenting the government effort in addressing the social problems. despite these commendable efforts by the government and the non-state actors, the delivery of the social pillar in the Vision 2030 is faced with many challenges especially the

progress of the social groups like women, youth and men groups. The challenges affecting the effective operation of social groups has in extension also led to other related challenges like health and environmental degradation.

Based on the case study answer question one

Required:

- a) Examine how the religious institutions can be part of the solution towards the social economic welfare of Kakunike location. (5 mks)
- b) Justify the government needs collaboration of local social institutions in Kakunike. (5 mks)
- c) Examine how the NGO's work in Kakunike location can be impactful towards solving the community social problems. (5 mks)
- d) Examine some of major challenges that hinder progress of social groups like the women groups in Kakunike location. (5 mks)
- e) Outline the causes of some of the emerging environmental and health related concerns like the ones affecting Kakunike location. (5 mks)
- f) Discuss the sustainable development goals related to women empowerment that can guide the NGO implementation strategy in Kakunike location. (5 mks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the main tenets and application of the following sociological theoretical perspectives:
 - i) Structural-functionalist theory
 - ii) Social conflict theory
 - iii) Symbolic Interactionist theory (8 mks)
- b) Members of the society living in both urban and rural setups have a habit of either joining or forming new social groups for different reasons. Examine major functions played by these social groups to the socio economic life of the members. (6 mks)
- c) Every community have ways of imposing social sanction for the welfare and betterment of the society. Examine the importance of such social sanctions to the members of the society. (6 mks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Despite sociology being one of the most recent disciplines compared to other disciplines, it has emerged as one of the most influential social sciences to mankind. Based on this statement, justify the importance of sociology as a social science both at micro and macro levels of the society. (7 mks)
- b) Sociologists use a number of perspectives to understand and analyze the dynamics and processes of social interaction. In this regards, Discuss the main the major sociological view points on social interaction.

- c) Examine main types of social control and their application in the society. (7 mks)
(6 mks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Sociology as a discipline is anchored on major sociological perspectives which places it within the broad society. Based on this statement, trace major perspective (view points) which form the foundation of sociology. (7 mks)
- b) Discuss the relationship of sociology with these other social sciences
- i) Economics
 - ii) History
 - iii) Anthropology
 - iv) Psychology
- (7 mks)
- c) Examine different types of social norms and justify why they are an important aspect in the society. (6 mks)

QUESTION FIVE(20 MARKS)

- a) Examine the contribution of any four founding fathers to the development of sociology as a discipline. (7 mks)
- b) Discuss the key elements (characters) of social change. (7 mks)
- c) Different communities are distinguished by their cultures. Examine key elements that define a particular culture. (6 mks)