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**KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE BACHELOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WORK**  
**KCD 2203: PARTICIPATORY TECHNIQUES IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
Time: 2:30PM-4:30PM

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

**Read the case study below then answer the questions that follow:**

**Case Study: Enhancing Community Development through Participatory Approaches in Kenya**

In a rural Kenyan village, community leaders recognized the need for improved water supply and sanitation facilities. Instead of imposing a top-down solution, they adopted a participatory approach to engage residents in the planning and implementation process. Through Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA), community members were facilitated to map existing water resources and identify gaps. This exercise empowered local individuals, particularly women who often bore the brunt of water scarcity, to express their needs and priorities. As a result, the community collectively devised a plan for constructing new wells and latrines, integrating local knowledge about sustainable water management practices.

The participatory model fostered a sense of ownership among community members, leading to increased commitment to maintaining the new facilities. Regular community meetings were held to assess progress and address challenges, ensuring that everyone remained involved in the project. However, the initiative faced challenges, including initial resistance from some elders who were skeptical of change. To address this, the facilitators organized dialogue sessions to include these voices and build consensus around the benefits of improved sanitation. Over time, trust was established, and the initiative gained broader support, illustrating the importance of inclusivity in participatory processes.

Ultimately, this case highlights the transformative potential of participatory approaches in community development. By prioritizing empowerment, inclusivity, and collaboration, the village not only improved its water and sanitation facilities but also strengthened social cohesion and resilience. The success of the initiative underscores the need for ongoing engagement and adaptation, demonstrating that participation is a dynamic process that can lead to sustainable outcomes when all community members feel valued and heard.

- a) Outline four factors that contributed to the spread of participatory approaches in community development based on the above case study. (4 Marks)
- b) Using the above case study, assess the impact of participatory approaches on community development. (5 Marks)
- c) Describe three tools that are most effective for facilitating community participation as shown in the case study. (5 Marks)
- d) Analyze the effects of PRA, PLA, and PAR on community engagement and development outcomes. (5 Marks)

- e) According to the above case study, justify how community development practitioners ensure that participation is both meaningful and inclusive. (6 Marks)
- f) Discuss the implications of the participation as a process for community development. (5 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain three ways in which participatory attitudes and behaviors influence the success of community development initiatives. (6 Marks)
- b) In reference to a recent community development project in your local community, analyze three participatory methods employed. (6 Marks)
- c) Distinguish between the influence of participatory attitudes and behaviors on the success of community development projects in urban areas like Nairobi versus rural areas in Kenya. (8 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the origins and spread of participatory approaches. (6 Marks)
- b) Giving examples, analyze the different models of community participation. (6 Marks)
- c) The challenges of using technology in promoting participatory approaches in Kenyan communities. (8 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the roles and responsibilities of a participatory team in community development projects. (6 Marks)
- b) Evaluate four challenges faced in implementing participatory approaches in community development. (8 Marks)
- c) Illustrate three ways through which Kenyan NGOs can leverage PRA, PLA, and RRA methodologies to enhance community participation in development projects. (6 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 Marks)**

- a) Discuss three ways in which community organizations foster this effective participation. (6 Marks)
- b) Considering the role of local governance in Kenya, explain how participatory approaches strengthen community engagement in decision-making at the county level. (6 Marks)
- c) Kenyan communities face different challenges when implementing participatory approaches in areas such as health care or education. Propose how these challenges can be overcome. (8 Marks)