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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

HSO 4103: SOCIAL STRUCTURE OF AFRICAN SOCIETIES

SERIES: JULY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

DATE: Pick DateJul 2025

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

Question ONE

- Describe THREE systems of marriage recognized by the marriage Act, 2014 laws of Kenya. (6 Marks)
- Evaluate FOUR agents of socialization in an African society. (8 Marks)
- Discuss FOUR classifications of political systems. (8 Marks)
- Social structure is created from the inter-relationship and organization of human beings, who are organized for pursuing certain common objectives. Discuss FOUR characteristics of social structure. (8 Marks)

Question TWO

- Examine TWO characteristics of a matriarchal family an African social structure. (8 Marks)
- The Kenyan judiciary is expected to resolve disputes in a just manner with a view to protecting the rights and liberties of all in society, thereby facilitating the attainment of the ideal rule of law. With an aid of a diagram describe the structure and jurisdiction of the courts in the Kenyan. (12 Marks)

Question THREE

- Explain the term marriage. (5 Marks)
- With the aid of relevant examples describe the family structure of the Kikuyu communities. (15 Marks)

Question FOUR

- Examine ONE functions of social structure from a community of your choice. (5 Marks)
- Education is one of the basic activities of people in all human societies. Describe the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) in Kenya. (15 marks)

Question FIVE

- "The family is a permanent, the most complete and primary social structure institution that looks after the needs of an individual". Discuss (10 Marks)

- b) The kinship system is governed by basic principles which can be called the facts of life.
Describe FOUR structural principle of kinship. (10 Marks)