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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY**

Type unit code HSO 4201 ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

SERIES: DEC 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

DATE: Pick Date Dec 2024

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

(a). There has been a raging debate on the place of sociology in the study of environmental issues. With clear examples, discuss why it is important for sociologists to study the environment.

(10

MARKS)

(b) Allan Schnaiberg offers a Marxist or neo-Marxist approach to addressing environmental issues. Discuss the major argument of Allan's Treadmill of production theory and show how this theory is manifested in present day Kenya. (10 MARKS)

(c) Discuss at least five cultural practices practiced in Kenya that help in conserving the environment

(10

MARKS)

QUESTION TWO

a. Using relevant examples explain how Kenya has endeavored to conserve her biological resources for the benefit of communities. (10 MARKS)

b. Highlight the role of the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) in Environmental Conservation (10 MARKS)

QUESTION THREE

a). Discuss at least Four (4) Sociological perspectives in regards to environmental problems.

(10

MARKS)

b.) The built environment controls or regulates the relations between man and his environment.

Discuss using examples.

(10 MARKS)

QUESTION FOUR

a) Investigate the role of education and awareness campaigns in shaping public attitudes toward environmental issues. (10 MARKS)

b. Describe five structures of the ecosystem and discuss their functions in the ecosystem. (10 MARKS)

QUESTION FIVE

a. Explain the theoretical bases and major claims of the Ecological Modernization Theory regarding potential sustainability of 21st century societies? (10 MARKS)

b). The renowned Kenyan environmentalist the late Pro. Wangari Maathai once remarked “Mother nature is very unforgiving”. With examples drawn locally and globally discuss the importance of this statement. (10 MARKS)