

"Investing in Africa's Future"

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION

HSA201 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY I END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS NOVEMBER 2017

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
- 2. Section A is compulsory. Attempt all questions.
- 3. Answer any two questions in Section B.
- 4. Begin your answer for each question on a new page.
- 5. Each question is worth a total of 20 marks.
- 6. Credit is given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

Section A

- 1. Sociology is a social science that studies the processes and patterns of human individual and group interaction.
 - a) Describe the sociological imagination (2 marks).
 - b) Name two features of culture (2 marks).
 - c) Give three examples of material culture (3 marks).
 - d) Contrast norms and values (3 marks).
 - e) Name two goals of socialisation (2 marks).
 - f) Define Talcott Parsons' concept of "value consensus" (3 marks).
 - g) Explain the basic assumptions of African feminism (5 marks).

Section B

- 2. Comment on the challenges globalisation presents to our understandings of "culture" and "society".
- 3. Assess the contribution of interactionism to our understanding of human groups.
- 4. Compare and contrast functionalist and postmodern approaches to health and illness. Illustrate your answer with examples.
- 5. You have been engaged as a Professor of Sociology at Africa University. One of your tasks is to explain to a class of 1st Year Sociology students the basic principles of feminist theory. Examine the significance of these principles to our understanding of:
 - a) gender difference (5marks)
 - b) gender inequalities (5 marks)
 - c) gender oppression (5 marks)
 - d) gender exploitation (5 marks)