



*"Investing in Africa's Future"*

**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY,  
HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION**

**HSA419 CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL THEORY  
END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

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**DURATION: 3 HRS**

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***INSTRUCTIONS***

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



1. Discuss the link between HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa and how masculinities are constructed. Use specific examples to support your answer.
  2. "62% of people infected by HIV in Zimbabwe are women" (Government of Zimbabwe, 2015). Paying particular attention to the role of patriarchy and migration, analyse the feminization of the epidemic.
  3. "Gender is a central category of social theorizing and debate in postcolonial Africa". Examine what you consider to be the key challenges facing gender studies in contemporary African scholarship.
  4. Assess the impact of globalisation on African societies (15 marks). Comment on the view that the idea of a "global society" is sociologically impossible (5 marks).
  5. Using examples, examine the view that masculinities are plural and historically specific.
  6. Write an essay on what you consider to be the causes of xenophobia in Africa today.
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