



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

HSA 412 SOCIAL DIFFERENCE, INEQUALITY & STRATIFICATION

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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DURATION: WITHIN 48 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Write the course code, course name and your registration number on the answer sheet.
3. Answer any one question.
4. Each question is worth a total of 100 marks.
5. Credit is given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

1. As a Professor of sociology at Africa University, you have been asked to give a talk to a group of first year students on how the Covid-19 pandemic has magnified social differences in both rich and poor countries.
 - a) With the use of specific examples, explain what it means to say people “do difference” (50)
 - b) Illustrate, with the use of specific examples, how the pandemic has magnified social differences (50)
 2. “The Covid-19 pandemic has demonstrated how our communities are key sites for the reproduction of race and social class inequalities”. With the aid of specific illustrative examples from Africa and beyond, assess the validity of this statement.
 3. “Sociologists would examine numerous factors in attempting to explain gender disparities in communities’ responses to the Covid-19 pandemic”. Summarise evidence that suggests these disparities are due to:
 - a) parenting practices; (25)
 - b) culture; (25)
 - c) prejudice in schools; (25)
 - d) in your view, which is the most promising site for intervention and why (25).
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