



EMBU UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A CONSTITUENT COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI)

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS 2014/2015

**THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREES OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION**

TFC 302: SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2014

TIME: 08:00 – 10:00AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and ANY Other TWO Questions.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Define the following terms as used in sociology of education
- i) Concept
 - ii) Theory
 - iii) Sociological theory (3 marks)
- b) Distinguish between the following
- i) Science and scientific methods (2 marks)
 - ii) Role and norms (2 marks)
- c) Explain how human demands on environment can lead to social change in the society (5 marks)

- d) Briefly explain the importance of sociology of education to a teacher (4 marks)
- e) Demonstrate the interrelated features of interaction in any society as used in symbolic interaction theory (4 marks)
- f) Give an account of the influence of social class on school performance among the learners (5 marks)
- g) Briefly explain the relationship between education and gender in the society (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) What do you understand by the term culture (1 mark)
- b) Education is not possible without culture and society. Discuss the characteristics of culture in any given society (9 marks)
- c) Clearly explain the concept of the school as a social organization (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss the various types of social classes in a society (12 marks)
- b) Give an highlight of any four characteristics of a social organization (4 marks)
- c) Give an account of the tenets/principles/ assumptions of labeling theory as used in sociology of education (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Demonstrate the major functions of education to the society (8 marks)
- b) Give an account of the implications of Consensus and Conflicts understanding for Education as an example of a theory of sociological change (8 marks)
- c) Social mobility occurs when people move across social class boundaries or from one occupational level to another. Explain the factors that contribute to upward mobility among individuals in a society (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Teachers operates within the schools and the wider community hence their functions are diversified. Demonstrate the major roles of a teacher in the society (8 marks)
- b) Discuss how the economic factors affect education in any given society (8 marks)
- c) Social change is a process by which alteration takes place in the structure and function of a social mechanism. Briefly explain the characteristics of social change (4 marks)

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