



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GENDER AND  
DEVELOPMENT WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**IGS 104: FEMINIST THEORY**

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

Time: 8.30 - 11.30 am

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer question ONE and any other THREE questions.
- Question ONE carries 25 marks, all other questions carry 15 marks each.



### QUESTION ONE: COMPULSORY

- a) Examine the contribution of Marxist feminism to our understanding of ~~women's oppression in the household~~ (7 marks)
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- b) Citing relevant examples, differentiate between access and control to resources (4 Marks)
- c) Discuss any two barriers to women's access and control to property and economic resources in Kenya. (4 marks)
- d) Discuss the contribution of grassroots feminist movements to women's development in Kenya. (10 marks)

### QUESTION TWO

- a) Discuss Simone De Beauvoir's observation that "one is not born, but rather becomes a woman." (8 marks)
- b) Explain the importance of the sex and gender distinction to feminism. (7 marks)

### QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss the relationship between religiosity and feminist beliefs. (5 marks)
- b) Explain how Judeo-Christian beliefs have influenced women's reproduction and sexuality (10 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR

Critique second wave feminism with reference to the intersection of race, class and gender. (15 marks)

### QUESTION FIVE

- a) Compare radical and liberal feminists' perspectives on rape. (8 marks)
- b) Discuss the limitations of radical feminist theory in explaining rape. (7 marks)

### QUESTION SIX

Discuss Liberal feminists' perspectives on women's freedom with respect to the following:

- a) Personal autonomy (7.5 marks)
- b) Political autonomy (7.5 marks)