

**MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2015/2016 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY**

**COURSE CODE:** **SOC 210:**

**COURSE TITLE: SOCIOLOGY OF MARRIAGE &                                 FAMILY**

**DATE: 6TH MAY 2016 TIME: 11.00AM – 1.00PM**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.

*This paper consists of* ***TWO*** *printed pages. Please turn over.*

**Q1**.a) Explain **three** functions of marriage in contemporary society **(6 Marks)**

b) State and explain **two** reasons why sociologists are interested in the family

**(4 Marks)**

c) Discuss **three** sets of criterion for examining the changing shape of the Kenyan family (**12 Marks)**

d) Explain the difference between:

i. Matrilocal and Neo- locality **(4 Marks)**

ii. Endogamy and Exogamy **(4 Marks)**

**Q2.**Sociologists who study the family point out the wide application of the social exchange framework in the understanding of various processes which take place within the institution. By use of suitable illustrations from your community, describe any **four**issues that are explained by the theory. **(20 Marks)**

**Q3.**Critically examine fourfactors associated with the changing role of the family in the contemporary Kenyan society. **(20 Marks)**

**Q4.**Discuss the reasons that have led to the proliferation of cohabitation in Kenya **(20 Marks**).

**Q5.**Discuss the societal and demographic factors that affect divorce in developing countries **(20 Marks)**