



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL
SCIENCES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
DIPLOMA IN CRIMINOLOGY**

**COURSE CODE: DSS 100
COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY**

DATE: 30/1/2024

TIME: 1100-1300 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- *Answer question ONE (compulsory) and any other Two*
- *Question one carries 30 marks*
- *All other questions carry 20 marks*

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QUESTION ONE.

- a) Define the term "sociology" and explain its significance in understanding human behaviour and society. **(10marks)**
- b) Discuss the concept of "social stratification" and its impact on criminal behaviour. **(10marks)**
- c) Analyse the role of culture in shaping individuals' beliefs and behaviours. **(10marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Compare and contrast the underpinnings of control theory and strain theory as sociological theories **(10marks)**
- b) Assess the role of socialization in perpetuating social norms and expectations. **(10marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Define socialization and identify its key agents in society. **(10marks)**
- b) Describe the concept of group dynamics and its relevance in social interactions. **(10marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

Sociologists define religion as an institutionalized system of symbols, beliefs, values and practices that provides answers to questions of ultimate meaning. Discuss religions as a social institution and its impact on society today **(20Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss the scope of sociology on both the wider and narrower senses. **(10marks)**
- b) Analyze the factors that contribute to upward mobility in society. **10marks**

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