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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF
ARTS (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

ASC/CD/505: GENDER AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: Tuesday, 27th March, 2012

TIME: 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question **ONE** and any other **THREE** questions.

- Q.1 a) Using functionalism, discuss the need to use a gender perspective in implementation of community development projects? (10 marks)
- b) Discuss factors that contribute to 'feminization of poverty' and suggest ways of addressing them to improve women's status in communities (20 marks)
- Q.2 The human capital factors and dual labor market are key contributors to global gender inequality and barriers to women economic development. Critically discuss this statement and show the extent to which you agree with it (13.3 marks)
- Q.3 Domestic violence perpetrated by females on the males is depicted as being on the increase in Kenya.
- a) In your view, is this a 'crisis of sexuality' and is hegemony under threat? (6 marks)

- b) To what extent do these males represent R.W. Connell category of 'subordinated masculinities' and what factors may have led to this trend?
(7.3 marks)
- Q.4 'Medicalisation' of health is a threat to feminism. Discuss this statement and show the extent to which medicalisation undermines feminism. In your view, is feminism right o challenge medicalisation?
(13.3 marks)
- Q.5 We socially construct our behavior so that male-female differences are either created or exaggerated. Critically examine this statement and show how the social construction of gender can influence development, planning and implementation of a community development project of your choice
(13.3 marks)
- Q.6 'Gender mainstreaming' and 'affirmative action' have contributed to disempowerment of men in Kenya. Critically discuss this statement and show the extent to which gender mainstreaming should be used as a tool for checking gender imbalance.
(13.3 marks)