



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

DIGITAL SCHOOL OF VIRTUAL AND OPEN LEARNING (DSVOL)

EXAMINATION FOR THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

EFD/PG/3: SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

1ST TRIMESTER 2023/2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO. DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING ON THE QUESTION PAPER.

Question 1 (30 marks)

- i. Distinguish between:
 - (a) Social stratification and social mobility. (2 marks)
 - (b) Achieved status and ascribed status. (2 marks)
 - (c) Latent and manifest functions of education. (2 marks)
- ii. Discuss FOUR advantages and FOUR disadvantages of integrating ICT in education. (16 marks)
- iii. Discuss FOUR factors that influence social change in modern society. (8 marks)

Question 2 (20 marks)

- (a) During a class discussion, a student remarked that they really did not see the value of one enhancing their education. Based on your knowledge of how education influences social mobility, discuss SIX points you could use to disapprove their argument. (12 marks)
- (b) Discuss FOUR effects of social stratification on education that may hinder an individual's social mobility. (8 marks)

Question 3 (20 marks)

During your teaching practicum, you realize when carrying out inspection that some student toilets had residue smell of bhang and cigarettes and find discarded empty bottles of whisky. As the teacher on duty, during assembly, you decide to address the students on the effects of drug and substance abuse on education.

- (a) Discuss Five points you could include in your speech. (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss FIVE strategies you could suggest to the school administration to alleviate the drug and substance problem. (10 marks)

Question 4 (20 marks)

- (i) What is a formal social classroom? (2 marks)
- (ii) Discuss SEVEN roles that are crucial for the teacher to successfully execute their mandate in a classroom setting. (14 marks)
- (iii) Explain TWO factors in the contemporary society that hinder the teacher from accomplishing some of the assigned roles as discussed in (ii). (4 marks)

Question 5 (20 marks)

You come across a random post on a social media group where a member is arguing that school serves no purpose in the society but what matters is whether one can make money from whatever means to survive.

- (a) Based on the example above, discuss FIVE ways in which the media negatively influences the youth. (10 marks)
- (b) Basing your argument on the understanding of structural functionalism, discuss FIVE points you could present to the members in the group to help them appreciate the function of education for society. (10 marks)