



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
DIGITAL SCHOOL OF VIRTUAL AND OPEN LEARNING (DSVOL)
EXAMINATION FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

EFD/PG/3: SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

2ND TRIMESTER 2023/2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and any other Two Questions.

Do not write anything on the Question Paper

Question 1 (30 marks)

- a) Distinguish the following terms: (6 marks)
 - i) Material and non-material culture
 - ii) Social status and social role
 - iii) Gender and sex
- b) Describe why sociology is regarded as a science. (4 marks)
- c) Discuss 5 significant issues that are a concern of sociology of education. (10 marks)
- d) Discuss 5 characteristics of a school as a formal social organization. (10 marks)

Question 2

The Principal in Tanya High School is concerned about the rising cases of drugs and substance abuse among students in her school. She tasks a committee to conduct an investigation and present a report on the causes and possible solutions to address the drug and substance abuse problem. (20 marks)

- i) Discuss the most appropriate research approach the committee could employ in conducting the investigation. (4 marks)
- ii) Identify three possible respondents in the study. (3 marks)
- iii) Describe THREE data collection tools that would be appropriate in this study. (9 marks)
- iv) Discuss TWO ethical considerations the committee should adhere to when conducting the investigation. (4 marks)

Question 3

- a) Discuss the contribution of social media as an agent of socialization to the teaching and learning process. (10 marks)

- b) Discuss the implication of social stratification to educational outcomes. (10 marks)

Question 4

Critically evaluate how the application of the Symbolic Interactionism can be used to enhance teaching and learning in competency-based curriculum. (20 marks)

Question 5

- a) Discuss FIVE ways the cultural-interaction factor could influence change in an education setting. (10 marks)
- b) Highlight five roles of education in the development of society. (10 marks)