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SCIENCE (ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION)

EED 104: ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

DATE: Tuesday 27th March 2012

TIME: 4.30p.m – 6.30p.m

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question ONE and any other THREE

1. Briefly explain each of the following terms:-
 - a) i) Environmental sociology [3marks]
 - ii) Sacred grove [3marks]
 - iii) Culture [3marks]
 - iv) Social values [3marks]
 - v) Belonging needs [3marks]
 - b) Discuss the basic characteristics that render rural communities inherently resistant to change. [6marks]
 - c) Discuss two social institutions considered well placed to promote environmental awareness. [4marks]
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2. Discuss “Allan Schnaiberg’s economic conflict theory”, in the light of the Mau forest squatter eviction. [15marks]
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3. You are the project officer for an NGO that plans to promote soil conservation in a semi-arid and hilly county. Your objective is “to guide the village community to make a choice between bench terraces and grass strips”. Discuss the basic rules and approaches you would apply to enable local people effectively participate in the decision making process. [15marks]
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4. i) Outline Abraham Maslow’s concept of hierarchy needs. [7marks]
 - ii) Explain why a peasant farmer may experience difficulties in integrating the appropriate trees with crops in his farm. [8marks]
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5. With reference to a community of your choice discuss the role of traditional/indigenous knowledge in sustainable resource management and utilization. [15marks]