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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 103: SOCIAL STRUCTURES OF AFRICAN SOCIETIES

DATE: Wednesday, 29th April 2015

TIME: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer **Question 1** and any other **TWO** questions.

- Q1. (a) Using an appropriate example, explain the importance of the concept of binary opposition in explaining social structure. (10 Marks)
- (b) Using TWO examples explain how this concept of binary opposition serves to maintain the social structure of Kenya society today. (10 Marks)
- (c) Using an appropriate example demonstrate the argument that the economics of African societies are extroverted. (10 Marks)
- Q2. Explain FOUR reasons why the articulation of the Lineage Mode of Production to the Capitalist Mode of Production is never completed uniformly. (20 Marks)
- Q3. (a) Define the concept of exogamy. (5 Marks)
- (b) Explain the significance of the practice of exogamy according to Claude Levi-Strauss. (15 Marks)
- Q4. Alienation is an important structural concept in capitalist societies as described by Karl Marx. Discuss TWO aspects of alienation. (20 Marks)
- Q5. Outline FOUR consequences of tribalism on contemporary social structure of Kenya society. (20 Marks)