



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2008/2009

**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)**

ECD 504: ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY FOR COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER 2008

TIME: 2.00 P.M. – 5.00 P.M.

Answer Question ONE, and any other three Questions.

1. Discuss the conceptual and disciplinary relationship between anthropology, Environmental Studies, and Community Development? (17 marks)
2. Anthropology is the study of human behaviour and diversity focusing on the concept of culture. Discuss this assertion and explain how this understanding can contribute to the resolution of environmental problems. (17 marks)
3. Discuss the following features: (17 marks)
 - (a) Culture as an integrated system of meanings.
 - (b) Culture as symbolic tool for adaptation
 - (c) Mechanisms of cultural change
4. Most of the marginal foraging societies and nomadic pastoralists inhabit East Africa's Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs). Discuss common features of ecology and adaptation to these environments among these societies. (17 marks)
5. Using relevant examples, discuss the origins, functions and expressions of religion and magic. (17 marks)
6. Discuss the distinction among functionalist, interactionist and conflict perspectives in sociological thought and analysis. (17 marks)
