



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
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DIGITAL SCHOOL OF VIRTUAL AND OPEN LEARNING

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS
ASC 301: SOCIOLOGY OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

DATE: MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2017

TIME: 11.00 A.M. – 1.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

1. (a) Explain the following:
 - (i) Family (5 Marks)
 - (ii) Incest taboo (5 Marks)
 - (iii) Bride Wealth (5 Marks)

(b) In what ways do African marriage and family patterns differ from those in the West? (15 Marks)
 2. Discuss the Functionalist perspective showing its usefulness in studying the African family. (20 Marks)
 3. (a) What four functions does the family serve? (10 Marks)

(b) What role does the extended family play in the urban areas? (10 marks)
 4. (a) Discuss the factors contributing to conflict in Kenyan families (12 Marks)

(b) What are four mechanisms for managing family conflict? (8 Marks)
 5. In what ways are developments in technology impacting marriage and family in Kenya (20 marks)
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