



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2014/2015

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 320: URBAN SOCIOLOGY

DATE: FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2014

TIME: 2.00 P.M. – 4.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question 1 and any two other questions.

1. a) Explain the main issues in the study of Urban Sociology. (6 marks)
 b) Discuss five factors that influenced urban growth in the early stages of urban development. (12 marks)
 c) Using Louis Wirth's theory of Urbanism, discuss the characteristics of urban social organization and social relationships. (12 marks)
2. a) Explain the factors contributing to gender disparities in employment in urban areas. (10 marks)
 b) Discuss the changes that have taken place in the division of labour and decision-making in urban families in Kenya. (10 marks)
3. a) Explain four social problems faced by urbanities in contemporary societies. (10 marks)
 b) Discuss the views of Emile Durkham on urban social challenges. (10 marks)
4. a) Critically examine the Kenyan government policy on urban settlement. (12 marks)
 b) Suggest steps the government can take to improve conditions of slum areas. (8 marks)
5. Discuss the constraints governments face in relation to the migration of foreigners into urban centres of developing countries. (20 marks)
