



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2020/2021

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELORS OF LAWS

LPL 402: GENDER AND THE LAW

DATE: Tuesday, 18th May 2021

TIME: 3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer **ALL** questions.
2. Support your answer with relevant illustrations from case law, statutory provisions and any other references
3. Your writing must be **NEAT** and **LEGIBLE**.
4. Your answer booklet must bear your assigned **REGISTRATION NUMBER**, both on the cover and every written page therein.
5. Do not scribble or draft answers on the inner or outer cover pages or your answer booklet.
6. Do not write anything except your **REGISTRATION NUMBER** on this question paper.
7. **ALL** Kenyatta university Examinations rules apply as if they were contained herein.

QUESTION ONE

Zili, Nala and Jali are self-proclaimed feminists who were once students in the Law and Gender Relationships Class at Kenyatta University School of Law. The three intend to organize workshops in their local communities in order to educate their communities on gender equality. The three are considering the victories of the feminist movement so far and the persisting gaps. They have engaged you as a recent student in the Law and Gender Relationships class to critically examine the following. Using relevant authorities, provide your responses.

- (a) African feminism perspectives and feminism in Kenya. (10 marks)
- (b) The victories of the feminist movement in Kenya so far. (10 marks)
- (c) The persisting gaps in gender equality in Kenya and proposals towards achieving gender equality. (10 marks)

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QUESTION TWO

- (a) Evaluate the international framework for the advancement of gender equality and its implementation in Kenya. (10 marks)
- (b) 'Women's rights are human rights,' Hillary Rodham Clinton's speech delivered on 5th September 1995 at the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing. Critique the statement using relevant authorities. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Four women meet at a women's empowerment meeting organized by Kenyatta University Women's Economic Empowerment Hub (KU-WEE Hub) and portray different perspectives on gender equality as follows:

- (a) **Moja** believes that gender equality has already been achieved hence there is no need for further empowerment of women and girls.
- (b) **Mbili** thinks that gender inequality still persists and that women and girls are still the endangered sex, especially by and within the family set up.
- (c) **Tatu** is sure that gender inequality persists in laws in Kenya and that there are persisting social prejudices against women and girls.
- (d) **Nne** believes that feminism and gender equality are foreign concepts and are arguments of white women.

Using relevant authorities, discuss the various feminist and gender theories embodied in each of the perspectives of the four women, Moja, Mbili, Tatu and Nne, towards gender equality.

(20 marks)