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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF
BACHELORS OF

SOCI 418: ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

STREAM:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 25/03/2021

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- *Answer question one and any other two*

Question one

- (a) Define environmental sociology (4 marks)
- (b) Discuss the following concepts related to environmental sociology
- (i) Environmental justice (5 marks)
 - (ii) Environmental equity (5 marks)
 - (iii) Environmental racism (5 marks)
 - (iv) Ecological balance (5 marks)
- (c) List and explain three (3) global environmental challenges (6 marks)

Question two

- (a) What are the theoretical bases and major claims of the Ecological Modernization Theory regarding the potential for Ecological sustainability of 21st century societies? (15 marks)
- (b) Do you think the Ecological Modernization Theory can be applied in the least developed economies like Kenya (5 marks)

Question three

Allan Schainberg's Treadmill of production is a powerful Neo-Marxist thesis on environmental degradation. Discuss this theory and its application to a developing nation like Kenya.

(20 marks)

Question four

(a) What are environmental policies and what are the different typologies of environmental policies. (10 marks)

(b) Discuss with relevant examples drawn from Kenya why the challenges faced in the implementation of environmental policies (10 marks)

Question five

Environmental sociology albeit being a relatively new field of study has gained prominence in global environmental discourse. What reasons make it such a compelling field of study? Give examples. (20 marks)

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