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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CDEV 305: SOCIOLOGY OF URBAN COMMUNITIES

STREAMS: BSC. CDEV (ODEL)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 20/07/2021

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question one and any other two questions.

SECTION A

Question one (30 marks)

- Using relevant examples discuss the characteristics of urban areas. (10 marks)
- Explain the concept of mechanical solidarity and organic solidarity as advanced by Emile Durkheim. (10 marks)
- Social change can be influenced by several factors, in view of this discuss any five factors influencing social change in society. (10 marks)

SECTION B

Question two (20 marks)

- Identify and explain any five types of suicide as identified by Augustus Comte. (10 marks)
- Drug abuse is one of the social problems in urban societies, in view of this, suggest any five strategies that your County Government can adopt in eradicating the vice. (10 marks)

**Question three (20 marks)**

- (a) Discuss factors that have contributed to growth of urbanization in third World Countries. (10 marks)
- (b) Use examples from any urban setup in Kenya to discuss issues that affect urban dwellers as explained by urban sociologists. (10 marks)

**Question four (20 marks)**

- (a) Identify and explain challenges that are faced by urban dwellers in our contemporary society. (10 marks)
- (b) Define the meaning of social stratification and explain how stratification is maintained. (10 marks)

**Question five. (20 marks)**

As a newly appointed chief urban planner of Nairobi County, explain measures you would take to reduce the emergence of informal settlements in the city. (20 marks)

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