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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

CDEV 305: URBAN SOCIOLOGY

STREAMS: Y3S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 14/07/2021

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Question one is compulsory**
- **Select any two from section B**

SECTION A

Question One

- (a) It is important to study urban communities to enhance their wellbeing. To achieve this as an urban sociologist, you need to concentrate on certain issues that affect the urban dwellers. Critically discuss FIVE top issues to consider studying. (10 marks)
- (b) Using suitable examples, explain the following terms and concepts as used in urban sociology. (10 marks)
- (i) Urban
 - (ii) Suburbs
 - (iii) Conurbation
 - (iv) Suburbanization
 - (v) Ghetto
- (c) In most urban areas, there are many children daycare centers. Explain in your own opinion why is this happening. (10 marks)

SECTION B

Question Two

- (a) In his essay “The Urban Revolution,” V. Gordon Childe noted that the development of the first cities was marked by a number of important innovations. Critically discuss them. (10 marks)
- (b) Using suitable examples, differentiate between capitalism and socialism. (10 marks)

Question Three

- (a) Define the meaning of social stratification and explain how urban stratification is maintained. (10 marks)
- (b) Using appropriate examples, state and explain who lives in the city. (10 marks)

Question Four

- (a) Explain pull factors to urban areas and show how rural communities have benefited from rural-urban migration. (10 marks)
- (b) Creation of sustainable urban cities is one of the suitable development goals. Briefly explain the key targets aimed at achieving this goal. (10 marks)

Question Five

As a newly appointed chief urban planner of Nairobi County, explain measures you would take to reduce traffic congestion and water shortage in the city. (20 marks)

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