SOCI 102

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**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

SOCI 102: INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY

STREAMS: BSC   **TIME: 2 HOURS**

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 06/12/2017   **2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.**

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

Q1.   (a)   What is Anthropology?   [2 marks]

        (b)   List and briefly explain the four main sub-disciplines of anthropology.[8 marks]

        (c)   In the recent general elections in Kenya, the following issues emerged:

               (i)   Ethnicity

               (ii)   Ethnocentrism

               (iii)   Secession (detachment from Kenya to form a new country)

               Using anthropological knowledge, provide solutions to the above mentioned

               problems illustrating your answer with clear examples.   [20 marks]

Q2.   (a)   Write short notes on the following

               (i)   Descent   [2 marks]

               (ii)   Consanguinity   [2 marks]

               (iii)   Polygyny   [2 marks]

               (iv)   Matrifocality   [2 marks]

        (b)   Anthropologists have argued that the family system is no longer relevant in the

               modern societies. To what extent do you agree or disagreewith this stance. Give

               illustrations to support your position.   [12 marks]

Q3.   Briefly discuss the followingAnthropological theories giving examples

    (a)   Evolution   [10 marks]

    (b)   Diffusionism   [10 marks]

Q4.   (a)   Define the following terms:

        (i)   Religion   [2 marks]

        (ii)   Totemism   [2 marks]

        (iii)   Magic   [2 marks]

        (iv)   Rituals   [2 marks]

    (b)   Assess the usefulness of religion in the enhancement of societal stability.

                                                                                                              [12 marks]

Q5.   (a)   Define thefollowing terms within the context of anthropology

        (i)   Exchange   [2 marks]

        (ii)   Reciprocity   [2 marks]

        (iii)   Redistributive exchange   [3 marks]

    (b)   Discuss the distinctive attributes of modern economic exchange.   [12 marks]

Q6.   Discus how anthropological knowledge can be used to solve the following problems in society

    (a)   Crime   [5 marks]

    (b)   Environmental degradation   [5 marks]

    (c)   Alcoholism and drug abuse   [5 marks]

    (d)   The elderly   [5 marks]