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DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- **Answer ONE and any TWO questions**
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

QUESTION 1

A) Communities in Kenya face many social issues that sociologists help them understand. A local development organization has asked you to explain the following sociological terms clearly, using examples from everyday Kenyan life.

i. Sociology (2 Marks)
ii. Culture (2 Marks)
iii. Society (2Marks)

iv. Agents of socialization (2 Marks)

v. Conflict theories (2 Marks)

B) Drawing from your own experiences in Kenya, explain **five** practical ways that studying sociology has helped you contribute positively to your community. Use local examples to support your points.

10 Marks

QUESTION 2

A) Karl Marx believed that society is divided into groups with unequal power, which causes conflict. Using examples from Kenya, explain **five** reasons why you agree with this idea.10Marks

A) "Horses are born horses, but humans are not born human" Socrates (Tatar,2022)

i) Using practical examples of human beings and the society, critically analyze this statement using the socialization cycle 5Marks

ii) Using examples, list five positive aspects of socialization in creating a functional society (5 Marks)

QUESTION 3

A) Using examples from your social context, differentiate between social change and social order (5 Marks)

B) Recent social changes have exposed the current society to new forms of symbolic interactionism. Using examples, outline 5 forms of symbolic interactions that are positively used in the modern society. (5 Marks)

C) Using examples, critically discuss **5** roles of the modern families in either helping or hindering social change

(10 Marks)

QUESTION 4

A. Many African countries face diverse challenges and developments. Some are caught in prolonged conflicts and instability, others have established relative peace and governance, while some experience widening gaps between the wealthy and the poor. In light of this, compare and contrast the following concepts with reference to their impact on African societies.

i) Sociological ideas of capitalism and structural functionalism ideas (5Marks)

ii) Social change and social inequalities (5Marks)

ii) Social processes and oppressive socialization cycle (5 Marks)

iii) Critical theories and social stratification (5 Marks)