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CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: CDC 219

COURSE TITLE: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

INSTRUCTIONS

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

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY-30 MARKS)

a) Your country in Africa has continued to experience sociological dynamics similar to those of the 18th and 19th centuries, despite the rise of technology and innovations. Explain how you would use the following sociological terms to spearhead positive transformation:

i. Communism (2 Marks)

ii. Structural Functionalism (2 Marks)

iii. Auguste Comte's theory of Positivism (2 Marks)

iv. Give two reasons why you would apply sociological theories in studying your country (2 Marks)

v. Give two reasons why you would need to balance the application of Communism and Capitalism in your quest for transformational change (2 Marks)

b) Postmodernism and Poststructuralism perspectives have been associated with societal transformation in this era of rapid globalization. Explain **FIVE** reasons why you **would not** consider their role as contributing to positive societal transformation (10 Marks)

c) In applying the conflict and critical theories, cases of legitimization crisis may arise. Use relevant examples to describe legitimization crisis (2 Marks)

d) Explain **Four** benefits of legitimization crisis in this context (8 Marks)

SECTION B (ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS EACH 15 MARKS)

QUESTION TWO

A) In the context of community development, outline **FIVE** ways in which Actor-Network Theory (ANT) can be applied to build positive and sustainable transformations (5 Marks)

B) In the context of community development, explain **FIVE** ways in which risk theories can be applied to build positive and sustainable transformations. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

A) According to the World Bank (2025), Sub-Saharan Africa remains the most unequal region globally. Outline **FIVE** ways in which the Conflict Theory perspectives can be applied to reduce this inequality. (5 Marks)

B) Explain **FIVE** challenges that you are likely to encounter while applying Conflict Theory perspectives in your country. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

A) African societies today face pressing challenges such as food insecurity, climate change, and political instability. Explain **FIVE** ways in which you would apply the perspectives of globalization theories to bring about positive community transformation (10 Marks)

B) Outline FIVE likely challenges that you will face while applying the theories at A (5 Marks)