



**PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
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IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
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CAMPUS: ONLINE

DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: MFT 603

COURSE TITLE: CONTEXTUAL ISSUES IN THE FAMILY

EXAM DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all questions carefully before answering.
- Write your **student number** on the space provided.
- Answer **ALL** questions in **Section A** and **ANY** other **TWO** from **Section B**

SECTION A – Answer all Questions (20 marks)

QUESTION ONE

- a) The family plays several key roles in stabilizing the society. Examine any two of these roles. (4Marks)
- b) Discuss any two interventions that you would recommend to a family facing challenges associated with religious extremism. (4 Marks)
- c) Analyze any two modern shifts in marriage patterns. (4Marks)
- d) Discuss any two reasons why it is critical for a marriage and family therapist to study contextual issues. (4 Marks)
- e) Using relevant examples differentiate between normal and traumatic grief. (4 Marks)

SECTION B: Answer any two questions in this session (20 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

Melanie a form two student has been referred to you for therapy after she attempted to commit suicide.

- a) Describe any two levels of suicide severity you would assess in Melanie. (4 Marks)
- b) Discuss how you would examine Melanie using the three step Suicide Theory. (6 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

After an ugly exchange with his girlfriend Mali one weekend, Joel went missing. His dead and badly mutilated body was discovered weeks later by the police. Mali was arrested at the border as she tried to cross over to a neighboring country.

- a) Articulate any two effects this death may have on Joel's family. (4 Marks)
- b) Analyze any three factors that may have contributed to this killing. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

You have been hired to offer therapy to a family that lost their father in a tragic road accident. In therapy the family is largely mute.

- a) Examine any two symptoms the family members are likely to exhibit in therapy.
(4 Marks)
- b) Describe any three areas of the family members' lives that may be affected by the loss. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Using relevant examples discuss how a family may be impacted by the ecological systems below.
 - i) Ecosystems. (2Marks)
 - ii) Macrosystems. (2Marks)
 - iii) Chronosystems. (2Marks)
- b) Examine any two strategies you would recommend for parents who are struggling with their children over the use of technology. (4 Marks)