

Mount Kenya University



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION 2014/2015

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PSHYCHOLOGY AND FOUNDATION
POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION & BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BASED

UNIT CODE: BEP4108/GEP6102

UNIT TITLE: SOCIOLOGY OF
EDUCATION

DATE: DECEMBER 2014

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

1. a) Give a brief definition of the following terms. (6 Marks)
 - i) Society
 - ii) Social stratification
 - iii) Sociology of education
- b) Identify the social roles of a teacher in the school and the community. (8 Marks)
- c) State and explain briefly the contents of culture. (6 Marks)
- d) Assess the importance of sociology of education to educators. (6 Marks)
- e) Explain the negative contributions of education. (4 Marks)
2. Give the advantages and disadvantages of:
 - i) A hierarchical structured school. (10 Marks)
 - ii) A flat organizational structured school. (10 Marks)

3. a) Explain the meaning of the term social organization. (10 Marks)
b) Analyze the characteristics of a school as a social organization. (10 Marks)
4. a) Using relevant examples show how the school curriculum helps in the transmission of culture. (10 Marks)
b) Elaborate on the role of education in achieving gender equality. (10 Marks)
5. a) Outline what makes the family and the school the major agents of socialization. (10 Marks)
b) Using relevant examples discuss the various theories of social change. (10 Marks)

Basic Concepts of Sociology

1. Society
2. Education
3. Culture
4. Socialization
5. Social Stratification
6. Social Mobility
7. Social Institutions
8. Social Position & role
9. Social groups
10. Social Interaction and Relationship