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**FIRST SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND  
SECURITY STUDIES AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**SOCI 111: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY**

***STREAM: R***

***TIME: 2 HRS***

***DAY: TUESDAY [11.30 A.M-13.30 P.M] DATE: 27/01/2026***

**THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES**

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*Vision: Nurture and Transform for the World*

*Mission: To Contribute to the World through Education, Research, Training, Consultancy, Innovation, Outreach and Collaboration*

Instructions: Answer Question one and Two Other Questions

**Question One**

- (a) Define the following concepts using examples
  - (i) Caste and slavery. **(4marks)**
  - (ii) Gender and sex. **(4marks)**
  - iii) Power and Authority. **(4marks)**
- (b) Using relevant examples discuss the consequences of class system with special reference to Kenya. **(8marks)**
- (c) Examine the characteristics of horizontal and vertical social mobility. **(10marks)**

**Question two**

- (a) Determine any five factors that qualify the institution of family as a primary socialization agent. **(10marks)**
- (b) Discuss ways in which peer pressure influence the behavior of young people in Kenya. **(10marks)**

**Question Three**

Evaluate the contribution of the following scholars in the development of sociology

- (i) Max Weber (1864 to 1920). **(10marks)**
- (ii) Auguste Comte (1798 to 1857). **(10marks)**

**Question Four**

- (a) Examine the role of the following theories in the maintenance of order in societies
  - (i) Symbolic interactionism theory. **(10marks)**
  - (ii) Conflict theory. **(10marks)**

**Question Five**

Evaluate with relevant examples the consequences of cultural change with special reference to Kenyan society. **(20 marks)**