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FIRST SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

CDEV 214: THEORIES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: TUESDAY [11.30 A.M-13.30 P.M] DATE: 03/02/2026

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Instructions

- a) Answer question **ONE** and any other two questions from the list below
- b) Provide relevant examples where necessary

QUESTION ONE

- a) Explain four distinctions between functionalism and conflict theoretical paradigms as used in community development **(10 Marks)**
- b) Explain four functions of theories in community development **(10 Marks)**
- c) Discuss four properties of a good theoretical framework **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Explain the key tenets of World Systems theory **(10 Marks)**
- b) Explain any four weaknesses of World System theory in as framework for understanding development challenges among African communities. **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) With appropriate illustrations, explain three state-based conditions that are critical for modernization of the third world nations. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Discuss three criticisms leveled against modernization theory. **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) With appropriate illustrations, explain the key arguments of evolutionary theory of societal development. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Discuss three criticisms leveled against evolutionary theory of social change. **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) With appropriate illustrations, explain four key arguments of Elite Theory of development. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Discuss three mechanism employed by elites to maintain gripe on development agenda in Kenya according to Elite Theory of development. **(10 Marks)**