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FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

SOCI 402: ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

STREAMS: BSC

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 04/12/2017

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE (COMPULSORY) and any other TWO questions

QUESTION ONE

- (a) What is environmental sociology and what is purview? [5 marks]
- (b) Discuss the motivation for studying “nature – society” relationship as sociologists. [10 marks]
- (c) What is ecological sustainability and why is it of interest to sociologists? [5 marks]
- (d) What do you understand by the term “environmental justice” Discuss this in reference to the Kenyan experience. [10 marks]

QUESTION TWO

The renowned Kenyan environmentalist the late Pro. Wangari Maathai once remarked “Mother nature is very unforgiving”. With examples drawn locally and globally discuss the import of this statement.

QUESTION THREE

Critically discuss Allan Schnaibeg’s “Treadmill of production “in relation to man-environment relationship. How applicable is this perspective to present day Kenya?

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the basic premises of the ecological modernization theory. Do you in your opinion believe governments can safeguard the environment? [20 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

The two schools of thought “the social constructionivists” and the “realist” give asymmetrical views on environmental issues. Discuss these two divergent viewpoints. As a sociologist which perspective are you inclined towards and why? [20 marks]
