



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL  
SCIENCES AND CREATIVE STUDIES**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY,  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND BACHELOR  
OF SOCIAL WORK**

**COURSE CODE SOC 2114-1**

**COURSE TITLE : SOCIOLOGY OF MARRIAGE,  
SEX AND FAMILY**

**DATE: 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**TIME: 1430-1630**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

***Question ONE is compulsory. Answer any other Three questions.***

*This paper consists of 2 printed pages. Please turn over.*

1. a) Define the term family and critically examine the major functions of the family **(5 Marks)**  
  
b) Using suitable illustrations, explain the following terminologies as used in Sociology of Marriage, Sex and Family:
  - i. Polyandry
  - ii. Heterosexual
  - iii. Kinship
  - iv. Endogamy
  - v. Exogamy **(5 Marks)**  
c) Outline what is meant by the terms Post partum sex taboo and Pre- marital cohabitation as learnt in the course. **(10 Marks)**
2. Using relevant examples, discuss the major factors that led to the transformation of the modern day family **(15 Marks)**
3. a) All societies have norms that govern who should marry who. Discuss the kind of marriage norms applicable to all societies **(7 Marks)**  
  
b) List some of the functions of a family **(8 Marks)**
4. Explain factors determining mate selection. **(15 Marks)**
5. a) Discuss Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels views on marriage **(7 Marks)**  
  
b) The contemporary Kenyan society abounds with alternatives (to family lifestyles), providing examples, discuss four of these alternative lifestyles and how they relate to the family as a social institution **(8 Marks)**
6. Family violence is a common occurrence in Kenya today. What factors contribute to incidences of family violence in Kenya today. **(15 Marks)**

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