



# KISII UNIVERSITY

## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

### FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

FIRST SEMESTER, 2021/2022

(JUNE-SEPTEMBER, 2022)

#### SOCI 818: SOCIOLOGY OF DISASTER AND RISK REDUCTION

**STREAM: Y1 S1**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**DAY: THURSDAY, 11:00-1:00 PM**

**DATE: 06/10/2022**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.*
- 2. Answer Question ONE [Compulsory] and any other TWO Questions.*

#### **QUESTION ONE**

(a) The 21<sup>st</sup> Century has witnessed huge economic losses and human devastations associated with disasters. Critically examine the varied factors influencing vulnerabilities that predispose communities to Risk of Disasters.

(10 Marks)

(b). Disasters are varied in nature and type. Citing relevant examples, distinguish the varied types of disasters experienced globally while highlighting their unique characteristics.

(10 Marks)

#### **QUESTION TWO**

The National Disaster Management Plan has key broad objectives. Discuss this plan while highlighting the aims of Disaster Management globally.

(20 Marks)

#### **QUESTION THREE**

Disaster Mitigation involves robust preparation and implementation of development plans and policies to provide resilience to societies to mitigate any social problems or systemic events. Critically examine this statement in the light of implementing a Disaster recovery plan.

(20 Marks)

#### **QUESTION FOUR**

Discuss the following phenomenon as used in Disaster Management and how it can be utilised to advance Disaster Risk Reduction in a country such as Kenya.

(a) Crunch and Release Models (10 Marks).

(b) Emergency Management Theory (10 Marks).

#### **QUESTION FIVE**

Disasters were viewed as extreme events occasioned by natural forces of nature adversely impacting development. Discuss this assertion in view of the current paradigm shift in emphasis from disaster relief and response to Vulnerability assessment Disaster Management while citing relevant examples.

(20 Marks)