

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS FIRST SEMESTER, 2023/2024 (AUGUST-DECEMBER, 2023)

LLBK 110: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

STREAM: Y1 S1 TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: TUESDAY, 12:00 - 2:00 PM DATE: 05/12/2023

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not write anything on this question paper.

- 2. Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and any other TWO questions.
- 3. Illustrate your answer with relevant cases and statutory provisions where applicable.

QUESTION ONE

You are a practicing advocate, and you have received a client in your office. He wants to apply for asylum in Kenya because of what he terms as social injustice in his country, X. Although he has not had time to see it, he believes that Kenya has a very progressive constitution that has tried to eliminate social injustices completely. Before he starts with his application for asylum, he retains you to give him a comprehensive write-up on the state of social justice in Kenya.

Do a comprehensive write-up advising him on

a) The definition of social justice and how it manifests in society

(10 Marks)

b) The various ways in which the Constitution of Kenya has addressed the issue of social injustice in Kenya. (20 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

Below are some of the contemporary social justice issues in society today. Discuss the current issues and strategies for addressing each

a) Gender equality (5 Marks)

b) LGBTQ+ rights (5 Marks)

c) Housing (5 Marks)

d) Education (5 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) With the help of examples, describe the concept of restorative justice and its relevance to social justice initiatives. (10 Marks)
- b) What are the principles of distributive justice, and how do they relate to social justice? (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

a) Discuss the historical roots of the social justice movement. How have key events and figures shaped the development of social justice as a concept?

(10 Marks)

b) Discuss the role of social media and technology in shaping social justice movements. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss John Rawls' theory of justice as fairness. What are the two principles of justice he proposes, and how do they relate to the concept of social justice? (10 Marks)
- b) Compare and contrast the approaches of Utilitarianism and Marxism to social justice. (10 Marks)