



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)

HCM 411: GERONTOLOGY

DATE:

TIME:

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions**

## QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Describe the following terms:-
- i. Gerontology (2 marks)
  - ii. Ageism (2 marks)
  - iii. Caregiver (2 marks)
  - iv. Ageist stereotypes (2 marks)
  - v. Geriatrics (2 marks)
- b) Explain the significance of the bio-psychosocial model in the study of aging and social welfare services (4 marks)
- c) Describe three factors influencing the development of human beings throughout adulthood. (6 marks)
- d) Discuss the importance of the study of ageing and social welfare services in the society. (10 marks)

## QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

As an expert in the field of gerontology, discuss, with suitable examples, five perspectives of ageing in the society. (20 marks)

## QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Distinguish between activity theory and disengagement theory as used in explaining ageing process of older adults (8 marks)
- b) With relevant examples, discuss four possible branches of Gerontology as a consultant on ageing and social welfare services. (12 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) With relevant examples, explore five common ageist practices or thoughts amongst the younger population towards the elderly. (10 marks)
- b) While citing suitable examples, discuss five legal frameworks for older adults available in Kenya. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Some social roles change while others remain with us throughout our lives; discuss five social roles of older adults in the society. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss five social security measures to ensure comfortable ageing among older adults in developing countries. (10 marks)