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**KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WORK**  
**DDS 405: GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024

Time: 2:30PM-4:30PM

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

Gender violence is experienced everywhere and across all social classes. The common factor among all possible cases of gender violence is that there is the domination of one partner over the other. Gender violence leads to depression, unhappiness, emotional and mental problems and in some cases physical injuries. Most gender violence cases go unreported because some women fear reporting due to the fear of being subjected to further violence or denied basic needs. Women are mostly the victims of gender violence because they are naturally regarded as an inferior sex to the men. This mentality has made women be looked down upon and mistreated by their partners especially in the developing countries where levels of literacy and resource support for women is very low. Research shows that a big percentage of women in the world are not independent. Most of them depend on their parents, relatives or husbands for financial assistance. This escalates abuse, neglect and mistreatment. Such women are either illiterate or just lack ways and means to support themselves and their children. Culture especially African is also to blame for this. Some cultures believe violence against women is one way of expressing love for a partner. Gender equality should be upheld and women given the same respect and treatment as men. This will promote relationships and equality between couples.

- (a) Discuss some of the effects of gender violence. (8 Marks)
- (b) Giving reasons why, explain the factors in the passage you relate to the Feminist Theory? (6 Marks)
- (c) Research shows that a big percentage of women in the world are not independent. How can this lead to gender disparities? (8 Marks)
- (d) Why do most gender violence cases go unreported? (4 Marks)
- (e) As a gender student, explain how you can promote relationships and equality between couples. (4 Marks)

### **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- (a) What are the interventions that have been implemented in developing countries to overcome the main gendered causes of educational exclusion? (6 Marks)
- (b) Discuss the effects of gender blindness on development. (4 Marks)
- (c) How can stereotypes, formed in the society influence women's and men's work choice as well as create the labour market? (5 Marks)
- (d) Explain how disparity both in terms of opportunities for and quality of employment persist. (5 Marks)

### **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- (a) "The ambassadors' wives joined the after-dinner reception as well" Why is the language used in the sentence discriminatory and how can you reframe it to be gender sensitive? (5 Marks)
- (b) What are some of the factors that influence gender participation in politics & management? (5 Marks)
- (c) Explain how gender based violence can affect survivors' physical and mental health. (5 Marks)
- (d) Why are women vulnerable to violence? (5 Marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- (a) What are the characteristics of a liberal feminist? (4 Marks)
- (b) Discuss the five "levels of equality" in the Women's Empowerment Framework. (5 Marks)
- (c) Explain how Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is dedicated to the realization of women's human rights. (6 Marks)
- (d) What are the effects of excluding women from resource allocation? (5 Marks)

### **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- (a) Discuss 3 strengths and 3 weaknesses of women empowerment framework. (6 Marks)
- (b) What does Practical gender needs entail? (4 Marks)
- (c) Explain why conducting gender analysis is important in any society. (6 Marks)
- (d) What are the advantages of gender mainstreaming? (4 Marks)