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## University Examinations 2018/2019

FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
SCIENCE IN HEALTH RECORDS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

### HPC 3104: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2019

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions.

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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- With relevant examples differentiate between sociology and sociologists. (6 Marks)
- Explain the changes that technology can create in the three forces social scientists link to social change. (6 Marks)
- Conflict within work place sometimes goes on unnoticed. State and explain four specific functions of conflicts in a social setup. (8 Marks)
- State and explain cognitive dissonance theory in relation to everyday work experience in medical field. (5 Marks)
- Critical thinking is authentic; explain. (5 Marks)

#### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- Critical thinking is useful in everyday search for solutions to persistent problems. Discuss some five factors/ practices that may discourage critical thing among University students. (10 Marks)
- A major concern when discussing global inequality is how to avoid an ethnocentric bias. Critically discuss the global classification of core nations in the context globalization. (10 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

Sociology plays a pivotal role in studying political and economic factors that have influenced the development of knowledge, especially in health sector. Discuss (20 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Environment can be improved or eroded by human beings behaviour. State and explain individuals and environment effects on each other in the context of socialisation. (20 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

The world we live today is competitive in nature. Discuss the necessity of competition and conflict as social processes. (20 Marks)