



**JARAMOGI OGINGA ODONGA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND
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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY STUDIES
3RD YEAR 2ND SEMESTER 2025 EXAMS**

MAIN CAMPUS (REGULAR)

COURSE CODE: ZGB 2402

COURSE TITLE: SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

EXAM VENUE: LR 8

STREAM: BA ARTS

DATE:14/4/25

EXAM SESSION:9-11.00 AM

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1.Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and ANY other 2 questions**
- 2.Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3.Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

1. Briefly demonstrate your understanding of the following concepts giving good examples:
 - a) power (5 Marks)
 - b) prestige (5 Marks)
 - c) social hierarchy (5 Marks)
 - d) ascribed status (5 Marks)
 - e) Class (5 Marks)
 - f) Open/closed societies (5 Marks)
2. According to Max Weber, all socially stratified systems have several bases of ranking. Discuss any five of them with relevant examples. (20 Marks)
3. There are four basic systems of social stratification. Write short notes on each giving the relevance of each in modern society. (20 Marks)
4. Within the framework of functional perspectives on stratification, there are two determinants of positional rank. Discuss each briefly. (20 Marks)
5. Social stratification in modern society can only be meaningfully discussed within the context of social mobility. Discuss using vertical and structural social mobility showing how each applies to the Kenyan society. (20 Marks)