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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
(MMUST)**

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**MAIN UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR THE DIPLOMA**

**OF**

**SOCIAL WORK**

**COURSE CODE: DSC 069**

**COURSE TITLE: WORKING WITH THE AGED AND  
DISADVANTAGED GROUPS**

**DATE: 23/5/2019**

**TIME: 9:00-11:00AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer question **ONE** (30 marks) and any other **TWO** questions (20 marks each)

TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating ►

1. a) Define the following terms as used in the course (13 mks):
  - Ageing (2 mks)
  - Gerontology (2mks)
  - Geriatrics (2mks)
  - Senescence (2mks)
  - Senility (2mks)
  - The Disadvantaged groups (3 mks)
- b) List and explain any 4 factors that could lead to vulnerability of any disadvantaged groups (8 mks)
- c) Discuss any three social theories that proposes explanations for the distinctive relationships between old people and their societies (9 mks)
2. Social gerontology could be explained in different ways. Explain the five dimensions of social gerontology (20 mks)
3. a) Elderly people usually experience hard times in their old age. Frailty is one such common feature in old age. List 3 experiences connected to frailty in old age (10mks)
- b) Frailty has been depicted as a stage in old age when there is group of “complex issues” distinct but “causally interconnected”. List any four (10mks)
4. i) Explain what the governments should do when drawing policies and programs to take care of these disadvantaged groups (15 mks)
- ii) List any five categories of disadvantaged groups of people (5 mks)
5. i) Assume you have been employed in a social welfare home for the aged as a program manager, list any five priority areas that you feel would best address the felt needs of your ‘clients’ (15 mks)
- ii) Old people often start experiencing complex forms of diseases that are usually terminal in nature. List any 5 common diseases experienced in old age (5 mks)