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MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST)

MAIN CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES COURSE CODE: MSCOM 811

COURSE TITLE: GENDER, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION

DATE: 21/04/2022 **TIME**

TIME: 9.00 -12.00PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Time: 2 hours. Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO**

This paper consists of two (2) pages. Please turn over

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- 1. Gender is always about more than a person's sex.
 - a) Comment on the truth in the above statement regarding gender (10 marks)
 - b) Discuss how non-verbal communication among men and women has contributed further to stereotypes (10 marks)
 - c) Explain why it is critical to understand the power of culture to relate well with the among the genders (10 marks)
- 2. There is a general belief that male and female communication styles and patterns perpetually differ.
 - a) Discuss 6 similarities and 6 differences in male and female communication (6 marks)
 - b) Comment on the role of culture on the differences between men and women in Kenya (9 marks)
- 3. Conflict is endemic in human relationships. The ability to work with conflict is a useful skill in communication.
 - a) What do you understand by the statement that conflict is endemic in human relationships? (5 marks)
 - b) Discuss 5 causes of conflict in between men and women (5 marks)
 - c) Comment on the fact that sometimes conflict is necessary for society to move forward. (10 marks)
- 4. There is need to recognize that gender identity need not be oppressive and limiting.
 - a) Discuss the statement giving three (3) reasons for your argument (6 marks)
 - b) Using illustration discuss the role of women in development (12 marks)
 - c) Which segment of the population has been limited more as a result of gender identity and why? (7 marks)
- 5. Citing case studies, discuss the future of the family set up given the changing gender roles in modern times (15 marks)