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MAIN EXAMINATION

MAY – JULY 2019 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

SDS 105: CULTURE AND SOCIAL DYNAMICS

Date: JULY 2019

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. a) Explain why the traditional treatment of diseases by African medicine men/women was seen to have been more effective than modern medicine? **(6 marks)**
- b) What is the function of language in society? **(6 marks)**
- c) Ethnicity and ethnic considerations may largely be disastrous for a country but a few positive things have been associated with ethnic groupings. Discuss briefly. **(6 marks)**
- d) A scholar came up with a theory that religion had influence in economic performance and wealth of a country. Discuss briefly. **(6 marks)**
- e) Culture has been given different meanings by scholars in various fields. Briefly elaborate on this statement **(6 marks)**
- Q2. Culture and tradition in many societies have been blamed for preventing women's empowerment in various fields. Explain whether this is true or false giving your reasons **(20 marks)**

- Q3. Some cultural expectations, practices and beliefs may have contributed to corruption in many developing countries? Elaborate on this view. **(20 marks)**
- Q4. a) Discuss some of the examples the of racial or ethnic stereotyping that were explained in class **(6 marks)**
- b) Minorities face numerous disadvantages wherever they are found in any society. Discuss any four challenges that minorities face ? **(6 marks)**
- c) What do you understand by the word “xenophobia” ? **(8 marks)**
- Q5. a) Explain with relevant examples why a caste system is bad for the development of any society? **(8 marks)**
- b) Scholars have identified the belief in witchcraft as one of the factors that has caused development to lag among some cultures. Discuss with relevant examples given in class **(12 marks)**

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