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BA IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - LEVEL 03

FINAL EXAMINATION – SEMESTER II - 2024/2025

DSU3562 – YOUNG PEOPLE AND SOCIETY

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY



Date: 02/08/2025

Time: 09.30 a.m - 12.30 p.m

Instructions:

- Answer ONLY five (05) questions.
- Each question is worth twenty (20) marks.
- Please write clearly.

01. Examine how key social institutions such as family, education, religion, media, and peer groups are interconnected in shaping the lives of young people. Justify your answer with appropriate sociological theories and examples.
02. Explain how 'youth' can be understood as a social construct. Justify your answer by examining how the concept of youth varies across different societies, age categories, cultural norms, and social expectations.
03. Young people often face numerous challenges during the transition from school to the world of work. Discuss the challenges with reference to changes in education, employment, relationships, identity formation, and the pursuit of independence. Justify your answer using relevant sociological concepts and examples.
04. How can the importance of positive socialization during adolescence be justified? Discuss with reference to its impact on personality development, behavior, values, and social integration, using relevant sociological theories and examples.
05. Discuss the role and importance of the family in shaping the lives of young people. Justify your answer with reference to emotional support, socialization, identity formation, and the development of values, using relevant sociological perspectives and examples.

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07. a). Why is unemployment not just a personal issue, but a problem for society too?
b). What are the key societal factors contributing to youth unemployment in contemporary society?
08. How is juvenile delinquency understood as a social issue? Discuss its impact on society using a relevant theory.
09. What is the main purpose of formal education in young people's lives and in society? Why do we need to change or improve the education system today?
10. How does the Social Model of Disability explain the challenges faced by young people with disabilities in society?

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