

## **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

### REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

# SCHOOL OF TOURISM AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION

**COURSE CODE:** AHP 2107

**COURSE TITLE: RANGE MANAGEMENT** 

DATE: 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019 TIME: 1430 - 1630 HRS

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer **ALL** questions

### **RANGE MANAGEMENT [100 Marks]**

- 1. Define the below terms commonly used in rangeland management: (20 marks)
- a. Community.
- b. Conservation.
- c. Rangeland.
- d. Density.
- e. Forage.
- f. Forb.
- g. Shrub.
- h. Sod.
- i. Tundra.
- j. Weed.
- 2. a. Define the term 'ecosystem' and briefly outline the components of an ecosystem. (10 Marks)
  - b. Range management practices may entail grazing livestock on rangelands. List and explain factors that affect livestock grazing distribution in this context. (10 Marks)
- 3. Briefly discuss the goods and services provided by rangeland plants. (20 Marks)
- 4. Establishing the stocking rate has been identified as one of the most important aspects of range management. Explain in detail, the steps for establishing a basic stocking rate. (20 Marks)
- 5. a. Briefly discuss the consequences of rinderpest eradication on: (12 Marks)
  - i. Rangeland.
  - ii. Wild ruminant biomass.
  - iii. Livestock health.
  - iv. Human health and socio-economics.
  - b. Briefly outline the key reasons for Rangeland Monitoring. (8 Marks)

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