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ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCE, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY
BACHELOR OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

COURSE CODE: URP 2114- 1

COURSE TITLE: RURAL PLANNING

DATE: 5TH APRIL 2022

TIME: 1100-1300 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:-

Attempt all questions in section A and any other 3 questions in section B

Support your answers with relevant examples and/or illustrations where necessary.

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SECTION A (20 MARKS)

1. a) Explain why the following should be considered in rural planning: -
 - i) Human population (2 marks)
 - ii) Climatic conditions (2 marks)
 - iii) Vulnerable groups (2 marks)
 - iv) Soils characteristics (2 marks)
 - v) Peoples' culture (2 marks)
- b) Explain three ways through which farmers can re-invent their farming practices to make agriculture a viable enterprise. (6 marks)
- c) Highlight the main challenges facing pastoralism in Kenya. (4 marks)

SECTION B (30 MARKS)

2. Discuss any two approaches to rural planning and demonstrate how they have informed rural development. (10 marks)
3. Rural problems are either natural or man-made, permanent or seasonal. Using this classification, discuss any four major challenges experienced in rural areas. (10 marks)
4. Rural natural resources can be utilized in harmony with environmental sustainability. With use of relevant examples, explain how this can be achieved. (10 marks)
5. Discuss the 'core-periphery' theory and show its implication to the development of Kenya. (10 marks)