



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR  
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES,  
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND  
AGRICULTURE**

**MASTERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL  
PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT**

**COURSE CODE: EPM 8203  
COURSE TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND  
POLICY**

**DATE: 2/2/2024**

**TIME: 1430-1730 HRS**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer **ALL** questions in section **A** and any other **THREE** in section **B**.

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## **SECTION A**

**A.)** Highlight the key principles outlined in international environmental law to regulate the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity? **(5 MARKS)**

**B.)** Explain the specific provisions in Kenyan national law that protect marine life, and their habitats. **(5 MARKS)**

**C.)** Explain how does Kenya's biodiversity law promote the preservation of diverse ecosystems and species and indicate specific penalties are in place for violations **(5 MARKS)**

**D.)** Describe the measures within Kenya's energy laws that encourage the adoption of renewable energy sources to mitigate climate change, and how these align with international climate agreements. **(5 MARKS)**

**E.)** Discuss the role of Kenya's regulatory framework in addressing climate change. **(5 MARKS)**

## **SECTION B**

### **QUESTION ONE**

**A.)** Evaluate the regulatory mechanisms in place under Kenyan law and international conventions to control various forms of pollution (air, water, soil, and noise). **(7 MARKS)**

**B.)** Assess the enforcement processes, penalties for non-compliance, and the impact of these regulations on reducing pollution levels in different sectors of the economy. **(8 MARKS)**

### **QUESTION TWO**

**A.)** Analyze the measures taken by Kenya, in accordance with international climate agreements, to mitigate climate change effects and enhance adaptive capacities. **(7 MARKS)**

**B.)** Investigate the effectiveness of policies, technological innovations, and community-based initiatives in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing climate resilience at the local and national levels. **(8 MARKS)**

**QUESTION THREE**

Appraise the role of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in Kenyan environmental law and international best practices.

**(15 MARKS)**

**QUESTION FOUR**

Discuss the effectiveness of public participation mechanisms in decision-making processes related to environmental projects.

**(15 MARKS)**

**QUESTION FIVE**

Analyze the concept of environmental justice within the Kenyan legal system, and show how justice is served in environmental disputes, particularly for marginalized communities.

**(15 MARKS)**

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