



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**COURSE CODE: ARE 360
COURSE TITLE: RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

DATE: 23RD APRIL 2018

TIME: 11.00AM- 1.00PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **THREE** questions

QUESTION ONE

- a) Why is an understanding of Development economics crucial to rural development in developing country such as Kenya? **(5 marks)**
- b) Is the neoclassical, free market theory necessarily incompatible with the international dependence theory? Discuss. **(10 marks)**
- c) What is the difference between agricultural development and rural development? **(4 marks)**
- d) Describe three principal sources of smallholder agricultural progress and three conditions for general rural development **(6 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Explain the meaning of dualism and dual societies in the context of rural development. **(5 marks)**
- b) Discuss Dualistic Development Thesis and do you think the thesis adequately portrays the development picture in most rural areas in Kenya? **(10 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Describe the social and economic indicators of development that characterize the nature of the growth process in the developed nations. **(7 marks)**
- b) The position of rural development today in Kenya is in many important ways significantly different from that of Britain. Explain eight significant differences in initial conditions that require special analysis of the growth prospects. **(8 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Planning rural development projects is said to be more than just the formulation of quantitative economic targets. Explain what is meant by this statement. **(6 marks)**
- b) What is social profit? **(3 marks)**
- c) Explain the three-step process involved in the calculation of the social profitability of a public investment in the context of rural development **(6 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss devolution as a rural development strategy in Kenya. **(5 marks)**
- b) Outline five public investment challenges currently facing County governments in the budgeting decisions for rural development projects **(10marks)**

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