



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

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

**SCHOOL OF TOURISM AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (GEOGRAPHY)**

**COURSE CODE: GEO 309**

**COURSE TITLE: URBAN GEOGRAPHY**

**DATE: 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018**

**TIME: 0830 - 1030AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

*Answer question ONE and any other TWO Questions  
Use illustrations where appropriate.*

*This paper consists of 3 printed pages. Please turn over*

- +1. a. Explain how the urban is a contested category **(5 marks)**
- b. Illustrate how a geographer may interpret the urbanization process **(10 marks)**
- c. Using examples, compare five problems of urbanization as experienced in the developed countries and the developing world **(15 marks)**
2. a. Describe the evolution of cities as propounded in geographical literature **(10 marks)**
- b. Examine FIVE major features that are often used to define the differences that exist between an urban settlement and a rural settlement **(10 marks)**
3. Using examples, explain how the following functions work in the performance of a town:
- a. Central markets **(7 marks)**
- b. Production and services **(7 marks)**
- c. Administration and institutions **(6 marks)**
4. a. Using Reilly's law of retail gravitation, determine the breaking points of two towns 71km apart: town A with a population of 131,000 and town B with 75,000 people, and explain your results **(15 marks)**
- b. Describe the limitations and problems inherent with Reilly's model of demarcating regions of interaction in urban areas **(5 marks)**
5. a. Use an illustration to critique Hoyt's Sector Model of the urban structure **(10 marks)**
- b. Exemplify how governments have used institutional controls to influence land use arrangements and growth of cities today **(10 marks)**

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