MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

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2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCE, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND AGRICULTURE

BACHELOR OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

COURSE CODE: URP 2114-1
COURSE TITLE: RURAL PLANNING

DATE: 6TH DECEMBER, 2023   **TIME: 1100-1300 HRS**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:-

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

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SECTION A (20 MARKS)

Q1. a) Explain why the following are important factors in rural planning in Kenya: -

   i)   Human population   (3 marks)

   ii)   Climatic conditions   (3 marks)

   iii)   Land tenure   (3 marks)

   iv)   The economic conditions   (3 marks)

   v)   Literacy levels   (3 marks)

   b) Agriculture is the economic backbone of most rural areas in Kenya. However, the
       sector is currently facing myriad problems that are slowing it as a viable economic
       enterprise. Explain five ways which the government can intervene in to make
       agriculture a viable enterprise.   (5 marks)

SECTION B (30 MARKS)

Q2. Rural areas face various challenges that inhibit their development. As a Rural Planner
     advise the Government of Kenya on any five practical approaches to mitigate rural
     problems in the Country.   (10 marks)

Q3. Discuss any five major challenges that contribute to rural inequalities and provide
     suitable solutions to those challenges.   (10 marks)

Q4. In order for rural planners to come up with effective and efficient plans, they have to
     adhere to various principles. Discuss any five guiding principles for land use planning
     in rural areas.   (10 marks)

Q5. Discuss the process of developing a Rural Development Plan in Kenya.   (10 marks)

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