



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

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

BACHELOR OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

COURSE CODE: URP 4141-1

COURSE TITLE: HOUSING PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

DATE: 11TH 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) Suppose you want to build your own residential house within an urban area. Explain the main factors to be considered in the choice of the location. (5 marks)
- b) Discuss the main characteristics of an ideal dwelling unit. (5 marks)
- c) Compare and contrast economic housing and social housing. (5 marks)
- d) There are times when real estate developers suffer losses by way of a drop in rental incomes. State the main factors that contribute to this scenario. (5 marks)

SECTION B (30 MARKS)

- Q2. Real estate developers sometimes shy away from housing development because of the huge resources required. Explain using concrete example from Kenya ways and means through which a government can subsidize the housing sector. (10 marks)
- Q3. In Kenya, the demand for housing surpasses the supply. Discuss five major challenges experienced in the provision of urban housing in the Country. (10 marks)
- Q4. Explore the major factors that determine the housing market in Kenya. (10 marks)
- Q5. a) In most cases, the informal housing remains dilapidated. State the possible explanations for the dilapidation. (5 marks)

b) Outline ways and means through which the Kenya government can achieve its agenda on affordable housing. (5 marks)