



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

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

### **SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS BACHELOR OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)**

**COURSE CODE: ECO 318**

**COURSE TITLE: POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018**

**TIME: 1100 - 1300 HRS**

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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

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## **QUESTION ONE**

- a) i) Describe the theory of demographic transition. **(8mks)**
- ii) Explain at what stage in this transition Kenya seems to be. **(5mks)**
- b) Explain the relationship between the age structure of a population and its dependency burden. **(7mks)**
- c) Explain the role of grass root participation in development. **(5mks)**

## **QUESTION TWO**

- a) Explain the optimum theory of population and its impact on development. **(5mks)**
- b) Describe the burden momentum of population growth and its importance for projecting future population trend in less developed countries. **(5mks)**
- c) Explain policy measures and strategies developing countries' governments adopt to reduce level of inequalities. **(5mks)**

## **QUESTION THREE**

- a) Explain economic and social policies the governments of developing and developed countries and international assistance agencies might consider to bring about a reduction in the overall rates of world population growth. **(5mks)**
- b) Explain three sources of economic growth in less developed countries. **(6 Marks)**
- c) Differentiate between economic development and economic growth. **(4mks)**

#### **QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Explain how economics should espouse multidisciplinary explanations of migration in developing countries. **(6mks)**
- b) i) Discuss the Coale-Hoover thesis about adverse effects of population growth on savings and capital formation. **(5mks)**
- ii) On what grounds should the thesis be rejected? **(4mks)**

#### **QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Explain the following concepts as used in development determination.
- i) Malthusian population trap. **(3mks)**
- ii) Family planning and population policies **(3mks)**
- iii) Crude death rates **(3mks)**
- b. i) Describe the classical flexible wages model of employment determination. **(3mks)**
- ii) What way can this model be said there never be unemployment? **(3mks)**

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