



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

HCM 205: HOUSEHOLD RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DATE: 9/12/2019

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

This paper consists of **Five** questions.

Answer Question 1 and any other **Two** questions

Question 1 carries 30 marks

Question 2-5 carry 20 marks each

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following concepts
 - i. A resource (2 marks)
 - ii. Management (2 marks)
 - iii. Access (2 marks)
 - iv. Control (2 marks)
 - v. Ownership (2 marks)
- b) Using relevant examples, examine **five (5)** types of plans that every household can use to plan for the utilization of their resources. (10 marks)
- c) Describe three (3) characteristics of physical capital as a household resource (6 marks)
- d) Describe with examples any four (4) characteristics of households in Kenya (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

You have been asked to give a talk on household resource management to a group of rural farming households. Discuss **five (5)** practical ways that can be used by a rural household to maximize their satisfaction in the management of resources.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Resources determine the kind of livelihood strategies a household adapts. Elaborate Five (5) characteristics of resources (10 marks)
- b) You have been invited to attend a seminar on livelihood diversification. Prepare a presentation to examine the rationale behind Livelihood diversification (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss Five (5) coping strategies that communities can adopt to reduce vulnerability (10 marks)
- b) Explain Five(5) challenges facing countries in addressing food insecurity (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the Five (5) components of the DFID Sustainable Livelihood Framework (16 marks)
- b) Explain Four (4) reasons why the DFID Livelihood Framework is popular with development agencies (4 marks)