



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS FOR 2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)

AGD 312: GENDER DIMENSIONS IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Date: _____

Time: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Rural development is vital for any meaningful development in any country. Discuss the validity of this statement, giving examples of African countries. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Involving rural women in design and implementation of rural infrastructure is vital in the subtle and obvious development of rural areas. Elaborate the positive effects of female participation in such projects. **(10 Marks)**
- c) Environmental protection in rural areas is important for whole nations. Discuss the role of women in environmental and biodiversity conservation for development in rural areas. **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) One of the main problems faced by rural women is lack of land ownership. Discuss how can be facilitated to establish land rights. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Poor health is one of the biggest challenges to rural development. Examine the relationship between poor health and gender development in rural areas. **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze how technology can be harnessed for rural development especially for the benefit of rural youth and women. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Describe FIVE impediments to effective women participation in rural development and propose possible solutions. **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Women play a very major role in agriculture in rural areas. However, most of them remain in poverty despite all the hard work they do. Discuss how to improve agriculture to benefit women and to develop rural communities. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Discuss why it is important to take gender concerns in to account when focusing on rural development. **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Indigenous knowledge, most times stored by people in rural areas is important for poverty reduction and sustainable community development. Discuss how we can harness this knowledge for combined gender development in rural areas.