



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2016/2017

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

AGE 302: GEOGRAPHY OF AFRICA

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME:

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## INSTRUCTIONS

**Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions. Use illustration where appropriate**

### SECTION A (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

1. a) Explain how I.T.C.Z influences rainfall patterns in Africa. (8 marks)
- b) Describe the size and position of Africa in the world. (6 marks)
- c) Assess three factors that determine population distribution in Africa. (6 marks)
- d) Using illustrations, describe the extent of the Rift Valley in Africa. (8 marks)
- e) Identify the characteristics of desert soils. (2 marks)

### SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

2. a) State the Continental Drift Theory and assess its economic importance to Sub-Saharan Africa. (14 marks)
  - b) Describe the drainage system of low Africa. (6 marks)
  3. a) Using illustrations, discuss four factors that influence the climate of Africa. (12 marks)
  - b) Explain the main characteristics of any two vegetation types in Africa. (8 marks)
  4. a) Climate affects the migration and economic activities in Africa. Discuss. (12 marks)
  - b) Examine four limitations of trade in Africa. (8 marks)
  5. a) Assess the level of industrial development in Africa. (8 marks)
  - b) Discuss the problems associated with high population growth rate in Africa. (12 marks)
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