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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

HCR 309: COMMUNITY HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 5/12/2017

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

1. a) Define the following terms as used in housing and development (6 marks)
 - i) Squatter settlements
 - ii) Decent environment
 - iii) Slums
- b) Mention any **three** policy recommendations proposed in the Kenya National Housing Policy to manage disasters (6 marks)
- c) Briefly explain **three** challenges posed by the communal land tenure system in housing development (6 marks)
- d) Describe **three** effects of land grabbing on housing development (6 marks)
- e) Suggest three ways in which the eviction of community members from protected land can negatively influence their health? (6 marks)

2. You recently got a job placement in the UN- Habitat working on a housing development project in Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya.
- a) Using relevant examples discuss **three** housing challenges you are likely to face when dealing with the re-settlement of refugees in the country (12 marks)
- b). Elaborate **any two recommendations** you would advice the UN agency and other Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working in the area to put in place to manage any **ONE of the challenges** listed in 4 (a) above (8 marks)
3. Research has shown that housing development can have devastating impacts on the environment.
- a) Using relevant examples depict **two (2)** ways in which housing decisions can negatively affect the environment in rural settings in Kenya (8 marks)
- b) You have been invited to talk to community members on “Ensuring housing enhances sustainable environment” during the County education day. Describe **three (3)** efforts you can advise families to put to place in order to protect the environment during housing development. (12 marks)
4. Most of the housing estates in Kenya have been neglected and dilapidated. You are part of a commission that has been assigned the task of ensuring proper estate management and maintenance as set out in the Kenya National Housing Policy. Expound on any **five** strategies that you can suggest to ensure effective estate management and maintenance. (20 marks)
5. The right to housing is a fundamental human right which is violated in many countries globally. Using relevant examples discuss **four** community based interventions you can advise the UN HABITAT group to implement to ensure the rights of minority groups can be realized. (20 marks)