



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AGE 410: URBAN GEOGRAPHY

DATE: 2/5/2019

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the relevance of the following theories to urban growth:
 - i. The principle of circular and cumulative causation. (4 marks)
 - ii. Economic base concept. (4 marks)
- b) Describe three lifestyles characteristics that differentiate urban from rural areas (6 marks)
- c) Using appropriate illustrations, write short notes on the following.
 - i. Rank-size rule (4 marks)
 - ii. The law of primacy (4 marks)
 - iii. The sector model (4 marks)
 - iv. The concentric Zone model (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Write concise notes on any two of the following:

- a) The Central Place Theory (5 marks)
- b) The Urban Rank-Size Rule (5 marks)
- c) The Sector Model (5 marks)
- d) The Concentric Zone Model (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Using examples, discuss any two contemporary issues in urban studies (10 marks)
- b) Examine the causes and consequences of rapid urban population growth in Africa (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Describe three distinguishing characteristics of the various urban land-uses

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Examine the factors that contribute to the increasing phenomenon of

- a) Feminization of urban poverty? (10 marks)
- b) The urban informal sector? (10 marks)