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University Examinations for 2015/2016 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 306: DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION STUDIES

DATE: 8/8/2016

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS.

Answer Question One and any other TWO questions.

1. (a) Explain the following terms: (4 marks)
 - (i) Demography
 - (ii) Population
- (b) Explain the significance of demography in population studies (7 marks)
- (c) Examine the determinants of fertility in Kenya (7 marks)
- (d) Highlight the leading causes of mortality in the world. (6 marks)
- (e) Highlight the main reasons of migration of populations in Kenya. (6 marks)
2. (a) Discuss the importance of population census in a country. (10 marks)
- (b) Examine the factors that influence settlement patterns in the world (10 marks)
3. (a) 'Any country that wants to develop its economy needs to check its population growth'. Analyze the above statement in regard to the impact of low and high population growth in a country. (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss the main theories used in study of populations in the world. (10 marks)

4.
 - (a) Suggest measures to control population growth in African countries (10 marks)
 - (b) Explain the main sources of population information in the world (10 marks)
5.
 - (a) Discuss the significance of devolution in managing the populations in Kenya (10 marks)
 - (b) Examine the factors affecting the population structure of a country. (10 marks)