



# MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST)

#### MAIN

### UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

#### FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

## FOR BSC ECONOMICS AND SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION

COURSE CODE: ECO 417

COURSE TITLE: ENERGY ECONOMICS

DATE: TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ATTEMPT QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

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#### **QUESTION ONE**

- a. Describe how the following policies can be adopted to promote Kenya's strategy for energy sector reforms:
  - i. Last mile connectivity policy
  - ii. Feed-in tariff policy
  - iii. Decentralized grid infrastructure
  - iv. Clean development mechanism
  - v. Public-private partnerships

(25 marks)

b. Identify the various interventions that can be adopted to reduce the hazards of indoor pollution arising from high-carbon energy use. (5 marks)

#### **QUESTION TWO**

- a. As an Energy Consultant, discuss the key energy security issues affecting transitioning countries and suggest appropriate policies to enhance climate resilient energy security in Kenya.
   (10 marks)
- b. Describe the various domestic and international mechanisms for funding climate resilient energy security in Kenya. (10 marks)

#### **QUESTION THREE**

As a Policy Officer, highlight the macroeconomic constraints of achieving Kenya's goal of universal access to clean energy and recommend appropriate fiscal and monetary reforms to accelerate this target. (20 marks)

#### **OUESTION FOUR**

- a. Identify key energy sector stakeholders by highlighting their role in promoting the uptake of renewable energy in Kenya and recommend appropriate policies to support investment in this subsector. (12 marks)
- b. The average power consumed by a rural school kitchen per hour is 600 Watts, with 10 hours of daily consumption. Given a tariff of 12 kilowatts per hour and a fuel tax of 10%, calculate the monthly electricity cost and recommend appropriate fuel efficient production measures. (8 marks)

#### **QUESTION FIVE**

- a. Describe the various emerging innovative and low-cost energy technologies and suggest appropriate policy interventions to ensure that they are accessible to low-income off-grid households.
   (10 marks)
- **b.** Critically explain, using a clear diagram, the policy applications of the Hoteling Rule to a transitioning country (10 marks)