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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

MAIN EXAMINATION

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
ECONOMICS**

COURSE CODE: MDS 802

COURSE TITLE: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN DEVELOPMENT

DATE: THURSDAY 28th APRIL 2022

TIME: 2:00-5:00

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ATTEMPT QUESTION **ONE** AND ANY OTHER **THREE**

TIME: 3 Hours

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cheating

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QUESTION ONE

- a) Describe the key factors that can contribute to the accelerated growth of low-income economics. (10 marks)
- b) Mention the various mechanisms that can be adopted to achieve a sustainable public debt ratio in Kenya. (10 marks)
- c) Describe the key benefits of foreign direct investment to a developing host country and mention the risks to be minimized in achieving high capital inflows from this sector. (10 marks)
- c) Critically assess the application of the Keynesian Aggregate Growth theory to development policy in a transitioning economy (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Emerging nations are faced with global insecurity, constraining national development. Describe the socio-economic impacts of emerging security challenges and discuss the various international and domestic mechanisms that can be adopted to overcome them. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Development partnerships are crucial for the promotion of food security in transitioning economies. Identify the crucial international and domestic development partners and stakeholders, explaining their role in promoting food security in Kenya. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Climate change has adverse impacts on development, especially among low-income economies.

- a) Describe the prevailing climate change hazards in Kenya and explain how they have constrained socio-economic development in this country. (10 marks)

b) Critically examine the key public-private climate change interventions programs under implementation in Kenya. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss, using practical examples, the social-economic impact of emerging health shocks on key sectors of the economy and recommend appropriate policy and mitigation measures to minimize the adverse effects of future outcomes. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

As a Planning Officer, describe the emerging constraints that developing countries face in achieving substantial gains in international trade. Suggest appropriate mechanisms and partnerships that can be used to overcome the constraints. (20 marks)

QUESTION SIX

With reference to a multinational organization of your choice. Evaluate the positive and negative impacts of this organization to a targeted developing host country and recommend appropriate policy reforms to promote the welfare of stakeholders in this industry. (20 marks)

