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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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MAIN

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

BSC ECONOMICS

COURSE CODE: ECO 308

COURSE TITLE: URBAN ECONOMICS

DATE: WEDNESDAY 20-04-2022

TIME: 12:00-14:00

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ATTEMPT QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

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SECTION A

QUESTION ONE

- a) Distinguish between the following terms as used in Urban Economics.
- i) Urban agglomeration and urban growth
 - ii) Mega city and metacity
 - iii) Dependency theory and location theory (6 Marks)
- b) Highlight five push factors responsible for migration in developing countries. (5 Marks)
- c) Use clear diagrams to illustrate the benefits and costs to a firm of locating in an industry cluster as opposed to an isolated site? (6 Marks)
- c) Discuss why concentration of unemployment causes many problems in large (cities). (8 Marks)
- e) Briefly examine the causes of urban land use conflict in developing countries (5 Marks)

SECTION B

QUESTION TWO

- a) Sociologists studying urbanization trends note three distinct historical stages in the development of cities. Using relevant examples discuss the historical stages of urban growth and development. (12 Marks)
- b) With the aid of diagram, describe the sector model of urban land use Hoyt (1939) (8 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) The ability of counties to exploit urbanization to drive employment and growth will be the cornerstone of Kenya's economic development. Discuss this statement in detail. (12 Marks)
- b) Do you believe that new telecommunication and other forms of technology will make distance an unimportant factor in economic development and, thus, make cities unimportant economic factors? Support your answer. (8 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Suggest ways of addressing informal settlements in developing countries (6 Marks)
- b) Discuss the view that uncontrolled process of urbanization is a threat to sound environmental management. (8 Marks)
- c) Explain how rural areas contribute to the economic wellbeing of urban dwellers. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss what is meant by the term 'urbanization of poverty' (5 Marks)
- b) Discuss the strategies that urban planners and managers can use to reduce social exclusion and marginalization within urban communities. (5 Marks)
- c) Discuss the structure and functional zoning of the concentric ring model by E.W Burgess (1925) in reference to Kenyan urban planning and development. (10 Marks)