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

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

BSC ECONOMICS

COURSE CODE: ECO 308

COURSE TITLE: URBAN ECONOMICS

DATE: 26-07-2022- TUESDAY

TIME: 14:00-16:00

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ATTEMPT QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

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QUESTION ONE

- a) Researchers have advanced model of urban growth? Briefly discuss using illustrations. (6 Marks)
- b) Bearing in mind Kenya's devolution, describe possible effects it will have on urban centres (8 Marks)
- c) Discuss why poverty rates are high in central cities. (8 Marks)
- d) Discuss the effects of higher crime rates in central cities as compared to rural areas (8Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Discuss the key issues and challenges in achieving health equity in developing countries (12 Marks)
- b) Explain the market effects of housing polices for the urban dwellers in developing countries. (8 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Describe how agglomeration economies contribute to urban employment growth? (8 Marks)
- b) Describe the impact on the city's equilibrium wage and employment of each of the following.
 - (i) An increase in export sales
 - (ii) An improvement in residential public services
 - (iii) A local pollution tax (6 Marks)
- c) Discuss why educational achievement so low in slam dwellers as compared to other neighborhoods? (6 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Outline the characteristic of sustainable city and give your opinion if its achievable in Africa (6 Marks)
- b) Discuss ways the government can use reduce the level of congestion in urban cities. (8 Marks)
- c) Briefly explain the factors that lead to growth of urban cities in developing economies. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Describe any distinctions between urban and regional economic policies. (4 Marks)
- (b) Write short- notes on the following;
 - (i) Urban zoning policy (4 Marks)
 - (ii) Urban regeneration policy (4 Marks)
 - (iii) Gentrification (4 Marks)
 - (iv) Greenbelts (4 Marks)