MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST)

MAIN EXAMINATION

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE –ECONOMICS /BACHELOR OF SCIENCE MATHEMATICS AND ECONOMICS

COURSE CODE: ECO 204

COURSE TITLE: POPOULATION ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT

DATE: WEDNESDAY-14-12-2022   **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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QUESTION ONE

a) Explain why the problem of rapid urbanization is a more significant population policy than curtailing LDC population growth rates. (10 Marks)

b) Illustrate the relationship between the microeconomic theory of fertility and the consumer theory of choice. (10 Marks)

c) Illustrate 5 economic incentives and 5 disincentives that can be used to influence family size decisions. (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

a). briefly discuss any 10 features of population structure and distribution (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

a)   Discuss the positive and negative consequences of an increasing population (10 Marks)

b)   What is meant by the term foreign aid? Discuss the cost of various forms of foreign to the recipient countries   (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

A faster growing population size of a nation is considered to be an asset while others consider it as a liability. Discuss this statement with special reference to

Kenya   (20 Marks).

QUESTION FIVE

a) Discuss any ten factors that are responsible for the slow economic growth in developing countries (10 Marks).

b) Discuss any five key components captured in a national census and its significance to economic development of a nation (10 Marks)