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MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST)

MAIN EXAMINATION

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

BSC ECONOMICS AND BSC MATHEMATICS AND ECONOMICS

COURSE CODE: ECO 308

COURSE TITLE: URBAN ECONOMICS

DATE: THURSDAY 22/12/2022   **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

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE
a) With illustrations, distinguish between urbanization and urbanism. (4 Marks)
(b) Discuss reasons for the dominance of middle aged people in the city of Nairobi and its impact to development. (5 Marks)
(c) Analyze factors that account for the fertility differentials in the cities of developing countries.
(8 Marks)
d) In relation to Community Development, define migrant selectivity and examine its features.
(8 Marks)
e) Discuss some of the key urban management challenges experienced in major towns in Kenya.
(5 Marks)

SECTION B

QUESTION TWO
a) Discuss in detail various characteristics of urban life and their influence in development process. (12 Marks)

b) Define the following concepts

(i) Urbanization   (2 marks)
(ii) Informal settlements (2 marks)
(iii) Urban agriculture   (2 marks)
(iv) Urban primacy   (2 marks)

QUESTION THREE
a) Discuss the evolutionary process of urbanization from the early 19th century to the present comparing major differences between developing and developed countries. (10 Marks)

b) The rapid growth of cities during 19th-20thcentury is often referred to as urban revolution. Discuss at least five features that accompanied their revolution. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

a) Highlight the push and pull factors of urbanization in any city of a developing country.
(10 Marks)
(b) Describe both the positive and negative consequences of rapid urbanization in cities of low developed countries like Kampala. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE
a) Shopping malls, while set up by entrepreneurs, involve careful planning of which firms will locate near each other. Such planning is not seen on regular downtown streets, where each business that locates there makes the decision of where to locate by itself.

Explain what this suggests about the importance of agglomeration externalities for the types of firms that locate in malls. (10 Marks)

b) Discuss the divergence between the predictions of the monocentric model and what we observe of modern cities today. (10 Marks)