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

MAIN EXAMINATION

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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

COURSE CODE:

ECO 412

COURSE TITLE: DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

DATE: TUESDAY, 19-12-2023

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

Define and clearly explain the following:

- i. Project development and appraisal
- ii. Public and merit good
- iii. Economic planning

(6 marks)

- b) Critically evaluate the principal areas of concern for national planning process (8 marks)
- c) Identify and explain the fundamental stages involved in national planning process (8 marks)
- d) Explain the essence of public participation in the national planning process (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Explain the role of projects and programmes in economic development (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the rural development process in Kenya and illustrate the application of Constituency Development Fund (CDF) as a rural development strategy (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Clearly discuss any five conditions necessary for the realization of a successful planning process. (10 marks)

b) What is the essence of devolution as a governance structure in Kenya with regard to planning process? (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) What are the Sustainable Development Goals and how are they different from the millennium development goals? (6 Marks)
- b) Any organization must have an effective data planning and policy making process. Discuss in depth the crucial data planning components and policy needs needed for any fictional organization of your choice (14 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Conduct a comparative examination of the discussion of development planning by Theo Haimann, Alford and Beaty, and M. E. Hurley using pertinent examples from the Kenyan economy (8 Marks)
- b) Developing nations have faced obstacles during their plan preparation stages and development plan implementation stages. State and explain these obstacles and how they can be overcome. (12 Marks)