



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AGE 302: GEOGRAPHY OF AFRICA

DATE: 12/11/2020

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWERS QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS; AT LEAST ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Describe the physiographic characteristics of Africa. (8 marks)
- b) Evaluate three effects of regional cooperation's in Africa. (6 marks)
- c) Explain briefly the size and position of Africa in the world. (6 marks)
- d) Discuss three impacts of human activities on vegetation distribution in Africa. (6 marks)
- e) Describe the characteristics of ferralitic soils of Africa. (4 marks)

SECTION B: PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Using illustrations demonstrate how Intertropical Convergence Zone influences rainfall patterns in Africa. (8 marks)
- b) State the Continental Drift Theory and give an account that Africa was associated with other continents. (12 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the distribution and characteristics of tropical savannah vegetation in Africa (10 marks)
- b) Examine the advantages that Africa's location and physiography places on the development of its people. (10 marks)

SECTION C: HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate how the traditional agricultural systems have affected food security in most of the African Countries (8 marks)
- b) Using examples, examine two physical factors that have influenced population distribution in Africa. (6 marks)
- c) Discuss three major limitations of trade in Sub-Saharan Africa (6 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the concept population change. (4 marks)
- b) Explain the causes of rural-urban migration in Africa. (8 marks)
- c) Discuss the role of improved transport and communication network to African Countries. (8 marks)