



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AGE 406: URBAN GEOGRAPHY

DATE: 22/10/2020

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Describe the nature and scope of urban geography (4 marks)
- b) Define the terms:
- i) Urban place (2 marks)
 - ii) Rate of urbanization (2 marks)
 - iii) Urban Sprawl (2 marks)
 - iv) Metropolitan area/region (2 marks)
 - v) Urban corridor (2 marks)
- c) Discuss Four causes of high rates of urbanization in Africa (8 marks)
- d) Attempt Four functional classification of towns in Kenya, give examples of such towns (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Examine the growing importance and roles of small and intermediate towns in national Development

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

State the Central Place Theory and examine its relevance today

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Using examples from ANY Kenyan City or Town, describe the characteristics of urban land use zones

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Describe TEN socio-economic and environmental challenges facing cities in Africa and for each challenge suggest solutions.