



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 306: DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION STUDIES

DATE: 16/8/2021

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS.**

## QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Suggest reasons why sociologists study demography. (5 marks)
- b) Highlight the measurement tools and techniques commonly used by demographers. (5 marks)
- c) Examine how age, religion, sex, and education level determines the needs of a population. (10 marks)
- d) Elucidate the various components of population change. (10 marks)

## QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the population control strategies employed by the Kenyan government. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the pull and push factors of Migration. (10 marks)

## QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the major sources of demographic data while illustrating their strengths and weaknesses. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the various views of different economists about the relationship between population growth and economic development. (10 marks)

## QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Citing relevant examples, explain the factors affecting fertility rate in Kenya. (10 marks)
- b) Analyze Malthusian theory of population growth. (10 marks)

## QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the reasons for the increasing world population growth since the 18th century.