



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

EAE 305: URBAN ECONOMICS

DATE: 13/8/2021

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question one and any other two questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Elaborate on the six stages a good Urban Plan will follow (12 marks)
- b) Using an urban centre of your choice explain its relationship with the rural areas that it borders. (8 marks)
- c) Analyse five negative externalities of urban concentration. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) “Nairobi, Dar-es-salaam and Kampala experience high levels of traffic congestion”. Citing the merits and demerits of each, outline four policy measures that could be implemented to address this problem. (12 marks)
- b) Explain eight functions of County governments in relation to urban areas within their boundaries (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyse five factors that influence urban decay. (10 marks)
- b) Explain five determinants of Industrial location. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate the significance of Urban planning in Kenya. (10 marks)
- b) Expound on the various problems that urban areas face. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate six solutions to the Rural-Urban migration problem. (12 marks)
- b) Discuss the various revenue sources available to county governments. (8 marks)