



COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTR OF ARTS (GEOGRAPHY)& MASTER OF SCIENCE (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE)

GEOG 702: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

STREAMS: M.A (GEOGRAPHY) L1BII& TIME: 3 HOURS

M.Sc. (ENV. SCIENCE) L1B1

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 11/12/2012 8.30 A.M – 11.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question<u>ONE</u> and any other <u>TWO</u> questions. Diagrams can be used whenever they are relevant to illustrate an answer.

1. (a) Describe the components of a Geographic Information System (GIS).

[10 marks]

(b) Explain any five limitations that face GIS utilization in developing countries. [10]

[10 marks]

(c) Analyse any five areas where GIS has been applied in Kenya.

[10 marks]

- 2. Analyse any five fundamental requirements of an effective design for a data management system. [15 marks]
- 3. Discuss the merits and demerits of vector data structures.

[15 marks]

4. Attempt the classification of database systems.

[15 marks]

5. Compare and contrast between satellite imagery and aerial photography. [15 marks]
