



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DISASTER
MANAGEMENT WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(MAIN CAMPUS)

**PDM 111: INTRODUCTION TO DISASTER RISK
MANAGEMENT**

Date: 21st November, 2013

Time: 8.30 - 10.30 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and any other THREE questions.**

1.
 - a. Giving examples of each, explain the meaning of the following terms: (a).event (b).Hazard (c). Catastrophe (d).disaster (e). Vulnerability [10 marks]
 - b. With relevant examples, distinguish two major categorization of disasters [10 marks]
 - c. Assess five causes of disasters [10 marks]
2.
 - a. Define the term disaster management? [5 marks]
 - b. Describe five key aspects of disaster management? [15 marks]
3.
 - a. Explain the meaning of the term disaster Preparedness? [5 marks]
 - b. Briefly explain five aspects of a disaster preparedness strategy. [15 marks]
4. Give reasons why underprivileged communities are more vulnerable to disasters. [20 marks]
5. Explain any five key priorities provided for in the Hygo framework for action [20 marks]
6. Discuss basic components of a Disaster Risk Management Framework [20 marks]