



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

CITY CAMPUS - SCHOOL BASED

ECT 516: SPECIAL METHODS OF TEACHING
GEOGRAPHY

Date: 27th April, 2016

Time: 2.00 - 5.00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.
- Question ONE carries 30 marks. Other questions carry 20 marks.



QUESTION ONE

- a) "The Geography rationale table embodies various life roles and their corresponding utilitarian relevance". Depict this stance by use of the rationale table. [05 marks]
- b) "The definition of Geography according to the ancient Greeks is not tenable in current academic discourses yet it is problematic to come across a universally accepted definition of the term". Briefly explain why a single definition of the term is illusive. [05 marks]
- c) Briefly explain any 5 (five) national goals of education in Kenya and the role played by Geography education in their attainment. [05 marks]
- d) "A myriad of challenges are faced by Geography education in institutions of learning in Kenya": [10 marks]
- i) Briefly explain any 5 (five) such challenges
 - ii) Suggest plausible solutions to the challenges above
- e) Distinguish between formative and summative forms of evaluation within the context of Geography education. [05 marks]

QUESTION TWO

Select a topic from the current approved secondary school Geography syllabus and design a scheme of work to teach the topic for 1 (one) week. From the scheme of work, derive a lesson plan to teach any sub-topic or concept therefrom. [20 marks]

QUESTION THREE

Field study is an indispensable strategy in geographic instruction. Describe the 3 (three) phases involved in field study. [20 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

Explain ways in which you can establish a conducive atmosphere for Geography education in secondary schools, in order to enrich the learning environment, along the following lines:

- i) The characteristics of an ideal Geography teacher [10 marks]
- ii) Geography clubs/associations [10 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

- a) "The reliability criterion is a key property of a good testing instrument". Briefly explain any five (5) practices to be avoided in order to achieve test reliability. [10 marks]
 - b) Construct a table of specification for ensuring balanced and comprehensiveness in a Form Two (2) Geography end term examination. [10 marks]
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