



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016**

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL  
SCIENCE WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**NES 204: ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS**

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

Time: 11.00 - 1.00 pm

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.

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1. Compare and contrast the following in environmental terms;
  - a) Pleasure versus happiness
  - b) Animality and Humanity
  - c) Customs and Conscience

[10 Marks each]
2. Explain why the duration and quality of life are important considerations in environment and natural resource management. [20 Marks]
3. The capacity of an ecosystem for self-renewal is viewed as an important criteria or norm of environmental quality standards yet majority of the population would rather rely on the measurable impact of environmental degradation on human life. Explain [20 Marks]
4. To achieve sustainable environmental management for years to come 'Self limitation' is viewed as the wisest approach. Discuss this belief using a relevant example. [20 Marks]
5. Explain;
  - a) The shortcomings of the Liberal view and the Capitalist beliefs in achieving a greater quality of the environment. [8 Marks]
  - b) Conscience as Authority in moral judgement [ 6 Marks]
  - c) Why Philosophies and belief systems are sources of environmental ethics [6 Marks]
6. Explain how proper setting the criteria of rightness or wrongness of human action in the ecosystem is fundamental to the work of an Environmental Officer [20.Marks]