



MASENO UNIVERSITY
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**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN URBAN AND REGIONAL
PLANNING WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

CITY CAMPUS - WEEKEND

PUR 417: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Date: 30th April, 2016

Time: 2.00 - 4.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO Questions.**



Q1 (a). Define a region and explain any four (4) of its attributes (10 marks)

(b). i. what is a cultural region?

ii. Explain any four cultural regions that you know (10 marks)

(c) State five (5) functions of regional development plans (10 marks)

Q 2 “Regional Development Authorities were established to check region development imbalances”

(a) Explain any five (5) functions of Regional Development Authorities?
(10 Marks)

(b) Identify challenges that are encountered by Regional Development Authorities? (10 Marks)

Q3 “Regional Development Plans are development frameworks for regions”.

(a) Describe regional development planning process (10 Marks)

(b) State and explain any five (5) factors that determine regional development
(10 Marks)

Q4 (a) Explain the concept “Regional Planning” (3 Marks)

(b). i. What is the idea behind growth centre policy in Kenya? (5 Marks)

ii. State and explain six (6) weakness of the strategy as applied in Kenya.
(12Marks)

Q5 (a). Explain any five (5) planning values that you will consider while preparing:

(a) Regional plan (10 Marks)

(b) Why should you carry out stakeholder consultation during preparation of a regional plan? (10 Marks)

Q6 Identify and discuss ten (10) challenges that Kenya faces in her efforts to balance regional development (20 Marks)