



# MASENO UNIVERSITY

## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR  
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS,  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND  
ECONOMICS WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### MAIN AND CITY CAMPUSES

#### AEC 412: POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

Time: 12.00 - 3.00pm

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE (Compulsory) and any other THREE
- Marks will be awarded for being neat, clear and use of relevant illustrations



### QUESTION ONE

- (a) Discuss the link between population growth and economic development according to Malthus (1798). (10marks)
- (b) Comment on the demographic trend in Kenya. (5marks)
- (c) Explain the key demographic components and their usefulness in economic decision making. (10marks)

### QUESTION TWO

Discuss the environmental consequences of a growing population in the context of Kenyan economy. (15marks) ✓

### QUESTION THREE

Explain demographic transition theory as was proposed by Warren Thompson and highlight the stages of development transition. (15marks) ✓

### QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the causes and consequences of rural urban migration on the development of an economy like Kenya. (15marks) ✓

### QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Explain the relationship between migration and urbanization (10marks)
- (b) How does urban labor market work? (5marks)

### QUESTION SIX,

- (a) Discuss the policies for controlling population growth in a less developed country like Kenya (10marks)
- (b) What are the implications of population change for issues of employment, savings and investment. (5marks)