



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016

**FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(CITY CAMPUS – DAY)

AEC 412: POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Date: 9th December, 2015

Time: 2.00 – 4.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.
- Question ONE (1) carries 30 marks and the rest 20 marks each.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

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- b) Discuss the theory of demographic transition. (6 marks)
- c) Explain Rostows' stages of stages of economic growth. (6 marks)
- d) In what ways does planning help to accelerate economic development? (4 marks)
- e) What are the causes of the persistent income inequalities in Kenya? (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) In light of the recent technology developments, is the Malthusian population trap argument still valid? Discuss. (10 marks)
- b) The Asian countries with huge populations such as China, Indonesia and India have had a more rapid economic development than most of the less populated African countries. In light of these facts is right to look at population size as a constraint to economic development? Discuss. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Explain some of the theories of economic development (15 marks)
- b) Which of these theories adequately captures Kenya's economic development experience? Explain in details. (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) What are the salient features of Todaro's model of rural urban migration?