



UNIVERSITY OF KABIANGA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)**

COURSE CODE: ECO 417

COURSE TITLE: AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS II

DATE: 13TH JULY, 2018

TIME: 2.00 P.M - 5.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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MAIN EXAMS

DURATION: 3 HOURS

Instructions: Answer Question One and Any Other Three Questions

QUESTION ONE (25 MARKS)

- a) East Africa is an agricultural region. Citing examples from Kenya assess how mechanization can be unemployment creation. (9 marks)
- b) Explain the linkages between agriculture and industrial development (9 marks)
- c) Suggest economic policies that you would recommend to reduce over reliance on foreign aid. (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

- a) Many developing countries in recent years have adopted liberalization policy in their economies. Assess the possible effects on the following:
 - a) Consumers (3 marks)
 - b) Producers (3 marks)
 - c) Importers (3 marks)
- b) Give reasons as to why there are wage differential between agricultural sector and industrial sector in most developing nations. (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

- a) Argue the case that cash cropping expansion in Africa has produced regional inequalities in development (7 marks)
- b) Discuss the policy instruments used to influence agricultural activities in the economy (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

- a) Give reasons as to why the I.C.A tend to favour the developed than the developing nations (7 marks)
- b) Compare the advantages of communal and individualized system of land tenure (8 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the most common problems being experienced in marketing agricultural produce through cooperative societies (9 marks)
- b) Assess the view sometimes expressed that peasant farmers are generally irrational, inefficient and unresponsive to change. (6 marks)