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MAIN EXAMINATION

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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

WEEKEND PROGRAMME

MDS 510: URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Date: DECEMBER 2014

Duration: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer ANY FOUR Questions

- Q1. a) Discuss the factors that influence the growth of urban sectors in Kenya. **(7 marks)**
- b) Defining urban development, outline **FOUR** evolution stages in urban development. **(5 marks)**
- c) Use an authoritative document and explain the criteria used to classify an area as a city in Kenya. **(8 marks)**
- Q2. a) Bearing in mind Kenya's adoption of devolution, discuss **FIVE** possible effects it will have on urban centres. **(5 marks)**
- b) Using the example of any town in Kenya, explain the effects and solutions of rapid urbanization. **(10 marks)**
- c) Outline the impact of inadequate urban land policy. **(5 marks)**

- Q3. a) You are a physical planner for the Ministry of Lands and urban planning. You are tasked with addressing an international conference on 'The principles of intelligent urbanism'. Prepare this talk. **(10 marks)**
- b) Researchers have advanced models of urban growth. Discuss using illustrations. **(10 marks)**
- Q4. a) Define urban agriculture outlining the areas in which it occurs. **(4 marks)**
- b) "It is high time that urban agriculture was developed towards achieving food self sufficiency and lower food prices". Elucidate the constraints facing urban agriculture today. **(8 marks)**
- c) Outline the characteristics of the sustainable city and give your opinion if it is achievable in Africa. **(8 marks)**
- Q5. a) Using the example of Kenya, describe the interventions that have been used in urban areas, giving your opinion rating of their success. **(10 marks)**
- b) Define the following giving examples:
- i) Rurbanisation
 - ii) Redevelopment
 - iii) Dependency theory
 - iv) Urban hierarchy
 - v) Urban sprawl
- (10 marks)**

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