



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF TOURISM AND NATURAL
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
BACHELOR OF ARTS (GEOGRAPHY)**

**COURSE CODE: GEO 3126
COURSE TITLE: URBAN GEOGRAPHY**

DATE: 4TH DECEMBER 2018

TIME: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- *Answer question ONE and any other TWO Questions*
- *Use illustrations where appropriate.*

1. a. Describe one interpretation of the urbanization process as depicted in geographical literature (10 marks)
- b. Using the surplus food production theory, illustrate how cities emerged (10 marks)
- c. Using examples, describe the functions of a city as depicted in the economic base theory (10 marks)
2. Examine any FIVE problems associated with the urbanization process in both the developed and developing countries, and suggest a solution for each of them (20 marks)
3. Describe the role of cities in socio-economic development and spatial change (20 marks)
4. a. By invoking Reilly's law of retail gravitation, determine the breaking points of two towns 100 km apart: town A with a population of 130,000 and town B with 80,000 people, and explain your results (15 marks)
- b. Describe the limitations and problems inherent with Reilly's model of demarcating regions of interaction in urban areas (5 marks)
5. a. Use an illustration to critique Burgess' Concentric Model of the urban structure (8 marks)
- b. Examine any TWO major changes in urban form that have become prominent in recent times as a result of technology, physical and institutional structures (12 marks)

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