



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**CITY CAMPUS**

**PDM 125: CULTURE AND DISASTER**

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

Time: 9.00 - 11.00am

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer Question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO Questions.**

1. (a) With relevant examples, discuss the three factors that influence the type of rural settlement (15 marks)
- (b) With illustrations write short notes on the following indigenous settlement patterns (15 MARKS)
  - a. Dispersed/Scattered pattern
  - b. Linear pattern
  - c. Nucleated pattern
2. Discuss five socio-cultural issues that influence risks and natural hazards in Africa (20 marks)
3. a) Discuss five major causes of informal settlements in Kenya  
b) Discuss five effects of informal settlements in Kenya
4. Discuss the two multicultural issues in disaster management and the strategies to overcome each of them (20 MARKS)
5. Discuss five ways on how culture influences disaster risk reduction (20 MARKS)
6. With relevant examples, discuss in detail five human reaction to a disaster (20MARKS)