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**FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

DDS 403: SOCIAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT

Date: 18th January, 2016

Time: 11.00 - 1.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE (Compulsory) and at least ONE from each section.



1. Discuss the importance of adopting the attitude of “searchers” rather than “planners” in development interventions. Use examples from EITHER a Micro Finance project in India (Leach & Sitaram, 2002) OR the Millennium Villages Project in Kenya (Wanjala & Muradian, 2013)

Section A

2. Citing examples from EITHER a project intended to upgrade Kenyan slums (Rigon, 2014) OR from Nigeria (Agbiboa, 2012), discuss the impact of bad governance in development.
3. Using the paper by Acemoglu, Simon & Robinson (2002), explain the importance of good governance in the development process of Botswana before, during and after colonialism.

Section B

4. Employing examples from natural resources management projects in Malawi (Kamoto, Clarkson, Dorward & Shepherd, 2013), discuss why it is important to consider the role of local institutions for implementing sound development projects.
5. Understanding cultural, ethnic and gender norms is important for the success of any development intervention. Discuss, using examples from Kenya based on the papers by Silberschmidt (2001) and Aharonvitz (2010).