



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017**

**FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS WITH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**CITY CAMPUS**

**AEC 412: POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

Time: 9.00 - 12.00 noon

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.



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### **QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)**

- a) Explain the meaning of “Economic Development” (5 marks)
- b) Discuss the theories of Economic Development (10 marks)
- c) Examine the main issues in Population and Development (8 marks).
- d) Explain the relationship between income inequalities and underdevelopment (7 marks)

### **QUESTION TWO**

- a) Discuss the Malthusian population trap argument in light of the recent technological advancement (10 marks).
- b) Explain in details the Asian growth “miracle” in spite of the high population growth in the past three decades. (10 marks)

### **QUESTION THREE**

- a) Discuss the core values of Economic Development? (8 marks)
- b) In what ways has the population growth impacted the achievement of these core values (7 marks)

#### **QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Evaluate any program initiated by the government of Kenya to curb rapid population growth. **(7 marks)**
- b) Would you support the birth control initiative of the government of Kenya as a way to enhancing economic growth? Discuss. **(8 marks)**

#### **QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Are the African countries caught In the Malthusian low level equilibrium trap? Explain in detail. **(8 marks)**
- b) Critically examine some of the policies that the Kenyan government has put in place to reduce income inequalities. **(7 marks)**