



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN URBAN AND
REGIONAL PLANNING WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(CITY CAMPUS – DAY)**

PUR 123: SPATIAL ORGANIZATION

Date: 16th July, 2014

Time: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.



PUR 123 SPATIAL ORGANIZATION
Answer Question 1 and any other 2

- 1
- a) Describe the evolution of cities giving their characteristics from the early ages, Greco Roman times, Industrial age, the 19th century up to date (15 marks)
- b) Define the following spatial concepts
- (i) city
 - (ii) place
 - (iii) settlements
 - (iv) location
 - (v) area (15 marks)
- 2 Settlements can be classified as rural or urban, using examples describe the characteristics of rural and urban settlements (20 marks)
- 3 With the aid of diagrams define and give characteristics of the mono centric and polycentric cities (20 marks)
- 4 Using examples, differentiate the following terms
- a) suburbanization and urban sprawl (10 marks)
 - b) megacity and metropolis (10 marks)
- 5 Using Kisumu as a model describe its origin, spatial structure and spatial challenges it encounters, suggesting possible solutions. (20 marks)
- 6
- a) Illustrate Christaller's central place theory and its major components (10 marks)
 - b) What are the assumptions of the theory? (10 marks)