



MASENO UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GENDER AND
DEVELOPMENT WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

IGS 105: ECONOMICS OF GENDER AND POVERTY

Date: 7th June, 2017

Time: 3.30 - 6.30 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other THREE questions.
- Question ONE carries 25 marks, all other questions carry 15 marks each



QUESTION ONE

- a. Define the following terms and concepts
- i. Poverty and absolute poverty (2 marks)
 - ii. Class vs caste systems (2 marks)
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- b. Using clear examples define the meaning of the following
- i. Gender inequality (2 marks)
 - ii. Public Policy (2 marks)
- c. Explain the **THREE** levels of poverty (6 marks)
- d. Outline **FIVE** ways in which gender influences occupational choice in Kenya. (5 marks)
- e. Suggest **FIVE** ways in which gender influences inheritance of property. (5marks)

QUESTION TWO

Describe **FIVE** determinants of poverty in relation to gender. (15marks)

QUESTION THREE

Discuss the historical timelines in relation to changing roles of men and women in the productive economy. (15marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Explain **FIVE** strategies women in your community could use to empower themselves for economic development. (15 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

The feminization of poverty is a term used to explain why women are poor. Discuss this statement in relation to women's perceived subordinate social class (15marks)

QUESTION SIX

Describe **FIVE** Government policies and programmes aimed at reducing poverty among rural women in Kenya today. (15marks)