



MASENO UNIVERSITY

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**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

AEC 406: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY ANALYSIS

Date: 20th April, 2016

Time: 8.30 - 10.30 am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.
- Question ONE carries 30 marks. Other questions carry 20 marks.



QUESTION ONE

- a) Going by the assessment of inter industry linkages it's generally acknowledged that the agricultural sector in LDC has both weak backward and forward linkages. (10 marks)
- b) Explain how this short coming can adversely affect the product and market contributions of the agricultural sector to economic development. (10 marks)
- c) Suggest some measures to enhance the market contributory role of the agricultural sector. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Inadequate credit facilities and limited access to agricultural credit is a major problem affecting small holder agriculture in Kenya.

- a) Highlight the major credit issues affecting small holder farming. (10 marks)
- b) Provide some policy measures to improve the credit situation in Kenya today. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

The key issues in Kenya's agricultural research and technological innovation involve the allocation and utilization of resources, dissemination and application of research findings.

- a) Discuss some of the problems affecting Kenya agricultural research institute (KARI). (10 marks)
- b) Elucidate some of the policy recommendations that can be adopted to address these problems. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Technological change in agricultural industrialization in a less developed country brings about inequality as well as employment criterion.

- a) Explain what is meant by employment criterion. (10 marks)
- b) Explain what is meant by inequality criterion. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Agricultural development policy refers to the rules and regulations meant to address the farming environment of a farmer.

- a) Discuss some of the objectives of this policy. (10 marks)
- b) With relevant examples, explain the farming environment of a peasant farmer. (10 marks)

