



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

**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL  
ECONOMICS AND AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT WITH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**AEG 423: RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

Time: 8.30 - 11.30 am

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer ANY FIVE questions



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**STREAMS:** Y4S2 BSc Agricultural economics, BSc Agribusiness management with IT

**DAY:**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**Instructions:**

Answer any **FIVE** questions

Carefully read and follow the instructions contained in the answer booklets

**Question 1**

- a) What is rural development (2 marks)
- b) Discuss the role of agriculture in rural development in Kenya (12 marks)

**Question 2**

Discuss the main features of any **FOUR** rural development models in Kenya (14 marks)

**Question 3**

Explain models that seek to provide both theoretical framework and specific policy recommendations for guiding rural development (14 marks)

**Question 4**

With reference to Kenya, briefly describe the **TWO** main complimentary rural development strategies (14 marks)

**Question 5**

- (a) In 1983, the Kenyan government embarked on an ambitious de-concentration initiative, the District Focus for Rural Development. List for major reasons why the imitative was considered a failure (4 marks)
- (b) Kenya has a new constitution and as a result the country is embarking on fundamental devolution of power. Explain **FIVE** benefits of devolution (10marks)

**Question 6**

- (a) Describe the concept of 'feminization of agriculture' (4marks)
- (b) With reference to Kenya, what is its effect on rural development (10marks)

**Question 7**

Devolved funds are monies for which decision making has been delegated to local entities.  
Describe any SEVEN of such funds in Kenya (14marks)

**Question 8**

Elaborate on the problems of rural development in Kenya (14 marks)