



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2022 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF TOURISM AND NATURAL
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
BACHELOR OF ARTS URBAN PLANNING**

COURSE CODE: URP 3103

COURSE TITLE: CARTOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES

DATE: 7TH APRIL 2022

TIME: 0830-1030 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

*ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION A, AND ANY **TWO** IN SECTION B*

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

1.

a) Explain two ways a map user can identify the direction of flow of a river on a topographical map. **(4mks)**

b) Using an illustration, explain how the following would appear on a map

i) Escarpment. **(2mk)**

ii) convex hill. **(2mks)**

c) The scale of a map is 1: 50,000 and the map distance from point A to B is 4 cm. The contour units are given as follows, 600 and 1600. Calculate the gradient of the land. **(5mks)**

d) i) Define the term computer assisted cartography **(2mks)**

ii) list five the major advantages of Computer Cartography over Conventional Cartography? **(5mks)**

e) Discuss the indicators that you would use to identify the rock structure and the rock type of mapped area **(10mks)**

SECTION B: CHOOSE ANY TWO (40mks)

2.i) Discuss the steps that can be taken to minimize the effects of generalization and error in digital data obtained from maps **(12mks)**

ii) Examine the sources of data for cartography **(8mks)**

3.i) Using diagrams where applicable, discuss the various classifications of map projections. **(12mks)**

ii) The scale of a map is 1: 50,000 and the map distance from point A to B is 4 cm. The contour units are given as follows, 600 and 1600. Calculate the gradient of the land **(4mks)**

iii) State four uses of maps **(4mks)**

4. Discuss the basic principles of map design **(20 mks)**

5. Discuss the basic moral codes of conduct that should be observed by cartographers when producing maps **(20 mks)**

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