



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

SCHOOL OF TOURISM AND NATURAL
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

BACHELOR OF ARTS (GEOGRAPHY) AND
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

COURSE CODE: GEO 2114

COURSE TITLE: RURAL GEOGRAPHY

DATE: 11TH DECEMBER, 2018

TIME: 0830 - 1030 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- *Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions*
- *Use illustrations where necessary*

1. a. Explain why the rural is important and why it is a contested space (10 marks)
- b. Differentiate between the neo-classical and the postmodern approaches to the study of the rural geography and highlight their individual shortcomings (10 marks)
- c. Explore how globalization impact on the ideas of the rural (10 marks)
2. Using examples, examine how the rural may be considered as an exploitable resource (20 marks)
3. a. Highlight the aims of rural development and explain why the strategies to achieve these aims are varied (8 marks)
- b. Discuss the application and limitations of endogenous rural development framework (12 marks)
4. Describe how the rural has been 'gendered' in contemporary discourse and also provide the convictions of 'rural idyll' proponents as central in understanding this space (20 marks)
5. Discuss why actions of the state in regulating the rural are never neutral or objective (20 marks)

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