



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS JANUARY – APRIL 2017 SEMESTER

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: COMD 407

COURSE TITLE: COOPERATIVES AND SELF HELP INITIATIVES

DATE: 5 APRIL 2017

TIME: 11.30 AM – 2.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
3. **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
4. ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

CAUTION: All exam rooms are under CCTV surveillance during the examination period.

SECTION A (COMPULSORY) 40 MARKS

Question 1

a) Explain the following terms as used in cooperative movement. 12marks

- i) Micro-financing
- ii) Low income households
- iii) Poverty alleviation
- iv) Local leadership

b) Discuss the role self help groups play in community development.

12marks

c) Examine the efficacy of Cooperative movement in rural development.

16marks

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS

Question 2

a) Identify features of self help groups.

5marks

b) Explain the procedure of forming self help groups.

15marks

Question 3

a) Enumerate and explain categories of cooperatives.

10marks

b) Describe the principles of cooperative management in social development.

10marks

Question 4

- a) Identify the spread of the Cooperatives into the various sectors of the economy **8marks**
- b) In what ways do the Cooperatives create employment? **12marks**

Question 5

- a) Identify the various income generating activities that communities undertake on Self-Help Basis. **8marks**
- b) The Cooperatives and the Self-Help groups are quite instrumental in the rural-urban development efforts. Discuss. **12marks**