



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS JANUARY - APRIL 2021 SEMESTER

BACHELOR IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: GEOG 204

COURSE TITLE: GEOGRAPHY OF EAST AFRICA

DATE: 10 MAY 2021

TIME: 3.00 PM - 6.00 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

QUESTION ONE

- a) The growth of East Africa was influenced by Arab and Indian countries. Discuss four ways in which Arabs influenced the growth of East Africa. **[8 Marks]**
- b) Discuss any four potential resources that have created recognition of the Nyika plateau in East Africa. **[8 Marks]**
- c) Desert and semi-arid areas suffer from insufficient vegetation. Discuss four ways through which vegetation have adopted to the desert and semi-arid conditions of East Africa. **[8 Marks]**
- d) Population growth has an influence on the resource distribution and utilization. Discuss four ways in which population growth in East Africa has impacted an imbalance between human beings and their available resources. **[8 Marks]**
- e) The coming of colonialist had both positive and negative influence towards East African Economy. Discuss four major ways in which the colonial government contributed to urbanization in East Africa. **[8 Marks]**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION TWO

- a) The nature of rangeland vegetation has strongly been affected by man's activities. Discuss four major constraints to woody vegetation dominating the rangelands. **[10 Marks]**
- b) Rangeland has great significance in the economy of East Africa. Discuss four major ways in which rangeland is utilized economically. **[10 Marks]**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Pastoralists practise herding and keeping of flock on natural vegetation. However, they face a number of challenges. Discuss any four problems faced by the pastoralists while advising on any four coping strategies to the challenges experienced. **[12 Marks]**
- b) Agriculture is the backbone of East African economy. As a geographer, evaluate any four influence of agriculture in the development of the East African economies. **[8 Marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Tourism is one of the most important industries in East Africa. Citing examples, discuss five influence of tourism towards the economy of East Africa. **[10 Marks]**

- b) Despite the importance of tourism industry, it has been faced with a number of challenges. Discuss any five obstacles and threat that affect tourism industry as a result of COVID-19.

[10 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Kenya's economy has greatly been affected by COVI-19. As a way of protecting the local industries and trade, discuss any five policies the government is using so as to ensure trade is revived.
- b) One of the leading companies in United States wanted to invest in Kenya by starting a beverage company. Advice the company on five important factors that it has to consider before setting up the company for it to succeed.

[10 Marks]

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