



GRE TSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS JANUARY - APRIL 2021 SEMESTER

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: COMD 407

**COURSE TITLE: COOPERATIVES AND SELF HELP
INITIATIVES**

DATE: 12 MAY 2021

TIME: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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) Using suitable examples, discuss the features that distinguish cooperatives from other forms of business [10 Marks]
- b) People sometimes use the term cooperative society and self-help groups interchangeable, however they are not the same. Discuss [10 Marks]
- c) Most rural dwellers are members of self-help groups, in your opinion why do you think they join these groups [10 Marks]
- d) Your parents are in a dilemma on whether or not they should join a housing cooperative society. As a community Development student would you advise them to join the cooperative? If yes, why? And if no, why not? [10 Marks]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION TWO

- a) An agricultural cooperative society in your village is on the verge of collapsing, what in your opinion are the likely causes? [10 Marks]
- b) What advice would you give members of this agricultural cooperative to ensure that their cooperative is strengthened? [10 Marks]

QUESTION THREE

- a) Savings and credit cooperative societies are increasingly becoming popular, discuss the reasons for this popularity [10 Marks]
- b) You have been invited to a conference to make a presentation to the Government on how cooperatives in Kenya can be strengthened. Write your speech [10 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Self-help groups play an important role in community development. Using suitable examples, argue for or against this statement [10 Marks]
- b) Cooperative societies are supposed to embody the principle of autonomy and independence, do you think cooperatives in Kenya are truly independent? [10 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE

Identify a cooperative society in your area and discuss its role in promoting community development in your village [20 Marks]