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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

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**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**MDS 503: RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Date: APRIL 2014**

**Duration: 3 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer FOUR Questions**

- Q1. a) Explain the concept of rural environment and explain the basic elements that constitute rural development. **(10 marks)**
- b) Discuss challenges facing the rural environment in Kenya today. **(15 marks)**
- Q2. a) Discuss the relevance of the following elements in developing rural communities:
- i) Microfinance **(5 marks)**
  - ii) Mobility and skills **(5 marks)**
- b) Citing examples, examine the functions of the constituency development fund as a primary tool for rural development in Kenya. **(15 marks)**
- Q3. “The modernization theory has no good intentions for developing countries”. In view of this statement, critically analyze the tenets of the modernization theory and its contribution to rural development. **(25 marks)**

- Q4. a) Explain **FIVE** indicators of the state of development in rural areas. **(10 marks)**
- b) Discuss **THREE** major strategies for rural development. **(15 marks)**
- Q5. a) Write short notes on the following measures of development.
- i) Per capita real gross national product (GNP) **(5 marks)**
- ii) Physical quality of life index (PQLI) **(5 marks)**
- b) Assess the contribution of value chain process approaches to rural development. **(15 marks)**
- Q6. a) Several legislature issues affect rural development in Kenya today. Examine **THREE** of these issues and how they influence development in rural areas. **(12 marks)**
- b) Critically examine the role of land reforms as a measure to support rural development. **(13 marks)**

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