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FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCES (MLS, MPS AND PT)

COURSE CODE: IRD 103
COURSE TITLE: DEVELOPMENT CONCEPTS AND ITS APPLICATION

DATE: 17TH APRIL 2024 **TIME:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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REGULAR – MAIN EXAM

IRD 103: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ITS APPLICATION

STREAM: BSc

DURATION: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- i. *Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions .*
- ii. *Do not write on the question paper*

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a. Explain the following concepts
 - i. Economic growth (3 marks)
 - ii. Sustainable development (3 marks)
 - iii. Underdevelopment (2 marks)
- b. Using relevant example, explain the concept of vicious cycle of poverty as used in developmental studies (10 marks)
- c. Explain any two measures of economic development in a country (6 marks)
- d. Citing relevant examples, clearly discuss any three non-economic barriers to economic development facing developing countries (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a. Explain any four challenges affecting infrastructure development in Kenya (8 marks)
- b. Briefly discuss Rostow's stages of growth. (12 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- i. Discuss the factors that are responsible for the poor performance of the agricultural sector in developing countries (10 marks)
- ii. Using relevant examples explain any five characteristics of less developed countries (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- i. Education is a form of investment and contributes to the growth of the economy. Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer using the relevant economic theories. (10 marks)
- ii. Differentiate between 'economic growth' and "economic development" (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- i. Income inequality is a contributor to Kenya's slow rate of economic development. Do you agree? Explain your answer. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain any five policies that can be adopted to ensure sustainable development of Kenyan economy. (10 marks)