



**KISII UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE**  
**DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS**  
**FIRST SEMESTER, 2023/2024**  
**(JANUARY-APRIL, 2024)**

**AGEC 0260: RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**STREAM: Y2 S1**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**DAY: MONDAY, 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.**

**DATE: 22/04/2024**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer ALL Questions in Section A and any Other TWO Questions in Section B.***

**SECTION A [ 40 MARKS]**

1. The achievement of the millennium development goal is sustainable rural development which is vital to the economic, social and environmental viability of nations. Discuss the importance of rural development to nation's economy. [10 marks]
2. (i) How would you describe rural development. [2 marks]  
(ii) Discuss the distinctive features and realities of rural development. [8 marks]
3. The government plays pivotal role in helping rural development to revitalize the livelihood of citizens living in rural areas. Examine the role of Kenya's government in rural development. [10 marks]
4. In what ways is decentralization expected to contribute to poverty alleviation and what are the challenges to achieving such impact? [10 marks]

## **SECTION B [ 30 MARKS]**

### **QUESTION ONE**

- (a) Discuss the challenges facing rural development in Kenya today. [8 marks]
- (i) What is the relationship between agriculture and rural development? [2 marks]
- (ii) Discuss the mechanisms that agriculture industry has put in place to ensure rural development in the economy has been improved. [5 marks]

### **QUESTION TWO**

- a. Discuss five risks to food security in Kenya. [10 marks]
- b. Discuss why rural poverty will remain largely under- perceived for a long time. [5 marks]

### **QUESTION FOUR**

- a. Write short notes on the following
- i. Poverty. [2 marks]
  - ii. Rural. [2 marks]
  - iii. Development. [2 marks]
  - iv. Food insecurity. [2 marks]
- b. Discuss the main causes of rural poverty in Kenya. [7 marks]