



# MURANG'A UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

*(A constituent College of Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology)*

**MAIN CAMPUS**

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**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR THE DEGREE**

**OF**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE MATHEMATICS AND ECONOMICS**

**COURSE CODE : BCE 2103**

**COURSE TITLE : AFRICAN ECONOMIC ISSUES**

**DATE: 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016**

**TIME: 2 hours**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Question ONE (1) is compulsory
- Answer ANY OTHER TWO questions

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The paper consists of 2 Printed Pages. Please Turn Over

## **QUESTION ONE**

- a) Identify and explain the key characteristics of African economies with specific examples from the continent. **(15 marks)**
- b) Is there a relationship among savings, investment and growth? Explain your answer. **(10 marks)**

## **QUESTION TWO**

- a) How do poverty and inequality manifest themselves in Kenya? **(12.5 marks)**
- b) Discuss the population issue in regards to development in Africa. **(10 marks)**

## **QUESTION THREE**

Controversy surrounds the role of multinationals and transnational corporations in the development of poor countries.

- a) With specific examples from Africa, what positive role have the entities played towards the development of the African continent? **(12.5 marks)**
- b) The corporations have also been accused of undermining development in Africa. Discuss. **(10 marks)**

## **QUESTION FOUR**

Despite the significant role that agriculture plays in supporting Africa, the sector continues to encounter many challenges.

- 1. Explain the role that the sector plays towards development? **(8 marks)**
- 2. Discuss the main challenges and how they can be overcome. **(14.5 marks)**