

**CHUKA**



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**EXAMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR  
OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**EDFO 418: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN EDUCATION**

**STREAMS: BED (ARTS)**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 08/8/2018**

**2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer question ONE and any other two**
- **Do not write on this paper**

1. (a) You have been appointed as the Dean of students at Chuka University. Briefly describe the steps you would take to counter each of the following possible challenges

[20 marks]

- Rising cases of suicide among university students
- High dropout rate of male students
- Increasing cases of pregnancy among first year students
- General rise in drugs and substance abuse among students

(b) Kenya has experienced a period of very high rainfall accompanied by unprecedented flooding across the nation. Discuss the possible impacts of this on education especially in the southern eastern region of the country [10 marks]

2. Kenyans schools have been criticized for concentrating on examinations grades without regard to the quality of knowledge and skills acquired by their students

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- (a) Examine the factors that may be responsible for this situation [10 marks]
- (b) Suggest possible strategies that Kenyan schools need to employ to improve the quality of education being offered to students [10

marks]

3. With regard to enrolment of students at the university level, Meru County is considered as one of the few that have nearly attained gender parity. The same may not be said of Wajir County.

- (a) Discuss the factors that may have favoured Meru County in the process of achieving gender parity in education [10

marks]

- (b) Suggest strategies that counties like Wajir need to put into place in order to improve the enrolment, achievement and attainment of girls in education

[10 marks]

4. List down: [20 marks]

- (a) Six effects of poverty in society
- (b) Six causes of conflict in Kenya
- (c) Four factors affecting quality of early childhood education in Kenya
- (d) Four ways in which frequent lecturers strikes affect education in Kenya

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