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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS

ECON 343: URBAN AND REGIONAL ECONOMICS

STREAMS: ECON

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 14/04/2025

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

QUESTION ONE

- a. Using appropriate examples, explain the following urban economic terms (8 marks)
 - i. The Todaro Migration Model.
 - ii. Urban Decay and Urban Concentration.
 - iii. Urban and regional economics
 - iv. The Growth Pole Theory
- b. Discuss three economic agglomeration benefits that industries located close to each other enjoy (6 Marks)
- c. Highlight the main tenets of the theory by Walter Christaller in 1933. 'The Central place theory.' (6 marks)
- d. Using appropriate examples discuss five factors that urban economists should consider to maximize profit when determining the location of any industry (10 marks)

QUESTION 2

- a. Kenya experiences the problem of migration. Briefly discuss ways through which this problem can be curbed. (8 marks)

- b. In setting up an industry, urban economist makes three basic decisions which together determine success or failure of businesses. Briefly Discuss these decisions. (6 marks)
- c. Briefly explain three environmental problems associated with the growth of cities in under-developed countries (6 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a. Formulating economic development policies and influencing growth must depend on the context of how regional economies operate. Discuss the six dynamics of a regional economy. (12 marks)
- b. Clearly discuss the pros and cons of urbanization (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a. Explain your understanding of the concept of urban decay and renewal. What are some of the factors that make cities fall off from thriving conditions to total deterioration? (12 marks)
 - b. Discuss the problems facing regional integration in Africa (8 marks)
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