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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

### EGE 3250: ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- Mainstream economics differ with Economic geographers on the view of economy. Explain key differences between the two views. (4 Marks)
- Giving specific examples differentiate between economic activities and economic factors. (6 Marks)
- Apart from being a source of food explain four reasons why a famer would prefer to do fishing. (8 Marks)
- As an expert in economic geography, discuss four factors which influence transportation. (8 Marks)
- Differentiate between relative price and money price. (4 Marks)



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## **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) As an economic geographer explain why you think Economic Geography is important to you and the public in general. (10 Marks)
- b) For the last few years Kenya has faced food shortage. Having been nominated as minister of agriculture in the government, discuss five areas which you would address to avert food crisis. (10 Marks)

## **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Giving examples in each case state and explain three factors which influence the location of economic activities. (12 Marks)
- b) Explain four criticisms against least cost theory by Alfred Weber (8 Marks)

## **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Using a diagram, clarify the law of demand to a young entrepreneur who wishes to start a business in Nanyuki town. (12 Marks)
- b) Transport by itself is not sufficient condition for development. However, the lack of transport infrastructure can be seen as a constraining factor on development. Explicate four importance of transport in economic development. (8 Marks)

## **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) You have noted with concern that some animal species face the danger of extinction in our country. Explain five measures you would put in place to save these animals from extinction if you were given the opportunity to work in the wildlife and tourism sector. (10 Marks)
- b) Walter Christaller, in his central place theory asserted that settlements simply functioned as 'central places' providing services to surrounding areas. Explain five assumptions which Christaller made while developing this theory. (10 Marks)