



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2011/2012

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF
SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

HCR 502: DISASTER MITIGATION AND MANAGEMENT

DATE: Thursday, 29th March, 2012

TIME: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer any **THREE** questions. All questions should be answered in the booklets provided.

Total 60 marks

1. Since disasters are a significant source of news and capture the attention of populations worldwide, the media provides tremendous visibility for disaster-related issues. Describe using relevant examples **FIVE (5)** ways that the media can act as an aid in the process of disaster management. (20 marks)
2. Disasters and development are closely linked. Using relevant examples, discuss **FOUR (4)** basic themes that have been highlighted by a growing body of knowledge on the relationships between disasters and development. (20 marks)
3. It is vital to incorporate the issue of climate change in all aspects of disaster mitigation and management. Illustrate **FOUR (4)** reasons why there is increasing need to incorporate climate change issues in disaster mitigation and management programmes. (20 marks)
4. The aim of disaster response is to provide immediate assistance to maintain life, improve health, and to support the morale of the affected population. Giving relevant reasons suggest and explain any **FIVE (5)** typical activities that should be included in a comprehensive disaster response plan in the community. (20 marks)