



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2008/2009

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

MAE 501: MUSIC IN THE CONTEMPORARY SETTING

DATE: Monday 24th November, 2008

TIME: 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer All questions.

1. As Kenyan musicians strive to produce music that is “Kenyan” so does the standard of the music become mediocre. How, in your opinion, can this predicament be dealt with so we end up with music that is both Kenyan and of high quality? [20 marks]
2. Electronics is on the way to displacing the musician. To what extent is this observation true with respect to the Kenyan situation? [20 marks]
3. Are we ready for an “Afro-Vision music contest” in Africa? Discuss how lessons learnt from Euro-vision song contest would contribute towards a launch in the right direction were it to happen. [20 marks]

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