



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2008/2009
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

ECD 519: ECOSYSTEMS AND HUMAN WELL-BEING

DATE: Monday 1st December 2008

TIME: 2.00pm-5.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any Other THREE Questions.

- Q.1 “Emphasis on short-term gains as opposed to long-term ecological concerns in natural resource development has become a norm” Critically discuss this statement using relevant examples (25marks)
- Q2 Using Arthur Tansely’s (1935) definition of the term ecosystem, critically discuss the impact of man on the Mau forest complex and its implications on the environment. (15marks)
- Q.3 Critically examine water as a constraint to achieving vision 2030. (15marks)
- Q4. To what extent do the current ecosystem goods and services guarantee achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. (MDG’S) (15marks)
- Q.5 Critically examine various scales used in studying ecosystems and their implication to restoration of any ONE given ecosystem in Kenya. (15marks)
- Q6. “The poor generally have the most gain from sound and effective environmental policies”. Discuss this statement using relevant cases. (15marks)