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**KIBABII UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**  
**2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FIRST YEAR 1ST SEMESTER**  
**MAIN EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL  
ECONOMICS & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**COURSE CODE: AEC 111**

**COURSE TITLE: MATHEMATICS FOR ECONOMIST**

**DATE: 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

**TIME: 9 – 11 AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question One and any other two (2) Questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

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**Q1.**

Write short notes on the following

- a) Mathematical and non-mathematical economics (4 Marks)
- b) Mathematical model (4 Marks)
- c) Endogeneous and exogeneous variables (4 Marks)
- d) Types of mathematical equations (6 Marks)
- e) Domain and range (4 Marks)
- f) Transpose of a matrix and determinant of a matrix (4 Marks)
- g) Maxima and minima (4 Marks)

**Q2.**

- a) Solve the following by factorization  $15x^2 + 16x = 15$  (5 marks)
- b) Using specific examples, Clearly explain the methods of solving quadratic equations (15 marks)

**Q3.**

Explain the real number system (20 marks)

**Q4.**

- a) Explain the rules of solving linear inequations (10 marks)
- b) The following represent the demand and supply functions for DVD's by John.

$$\text{Demand: } QD = 3000 - 200P$$

$$\text{Supply: } Qs = 1400 + 260P$$

**Required**

- i) Solve for equilibrium price (5 marks)
- ii) Solve for equilibrium quantities (5 marks)

**Q5.**

Given the following function

$$Y = 4x^2 + 3x + 8$$

**Required**

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| i.   | Find the derivative, $dy/dx$                 | (3 marks) |
| ii.  | Determine whether the function has a maximum | (5 marks) |
| iii. | Using a graph, illustrate your answer        | (2 marks) |
| iv.  | Give reasons for your answer in Q5(ii) above | (5 marks) |
| v.   | Find the derivative of the inverse           | (5 marks) |