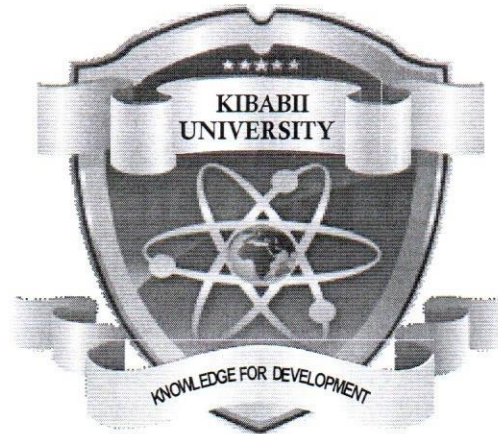


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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **All** questions in Section A and Any other **TWO (2)** Questions from **section B**

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE: COMPULSORY (30 marks)

Cooperatives societies in Kenya

The cooperative movement in Kenya may be traced to the period immediately after the country's independence. The movement is supposed to play an important role in wealth creation, food security and employment generation and hence participate in poverty alleviation. To date, there is over 11,200 registered cooperatives societies' country wide. The membership is over 6.1 million and has mobilized domestic saving estimated at over 125 billion. The cooperatives have employed over 300,000 people besides providing opportunities for self-employment. Indeed, a significant number of Kenyans, approximately 63% draw their livelihood either directly or indirectly from cooperatives based enterprise. The policy objective of the Kenyan cooperative movement is to spur sustainable economic growth by focusing on achievement of desired outcomes through strengthening of the movement, improving cooperative extension service delivery, corporate governance, access to markets and marketing efficiency. The co-operative have an immense potential to deliver goods and services in areas where both the public an the private sector have not ventured. In most cases cooperatives are local institutions that address local needs, employ local talent and are lead by local leaders either directly or through local branches.

QUESTION ONE

- i. With reference to the above extract, explain the role played by cooperatives in Kenya. (10 marks)
- ii. Cooperative movements in Kenya have experienced several challenges as mentioned above. Briefly examine the role played by the department of cooperative in Kenya in response to the challenges. (10 marks)
- iii. Describe the role played by any five types of cooperative societies that exist in Kenya. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- i. Describe the process of registration of cooperative societies. (10 marks)
- i. Cooperative societies face diverse challenges. Explain some of the common challenges facing producer cooperative societies in Kenya. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- i. With reference to the cooperative society act cap 490, describe the organization structure of co-operative societies in Kenya. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of cooperative societies. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- ii. Cooperative serves various functions; explain the functions of producer cooperative societies. (10 marks)
- iii. Explain the main principles that define the cooperative societies. (10 marks)