



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

FIRST SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GEOGRAPHY**

GEOG 116: CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: THURSDAY [11.30 – 13.30 P.M]

DATE: 05/02/2026

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (3) PAGES

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Instructions:**Answer Question One and any other two questions****QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Define the following terms:
- i) Culture (1 Mark)
 - ii) Population (1 Mark)
 - iii) Language (1 Mark)
 - iv) Religion (1 Mark)
 - v) Cultural Ecology (1 Mark)
 - vi) Culture hearth (1 Mark)
 - vii) Integration (1 Mark)
 - viii) Cultural diffusion (1 Mark)
 - ix) Cultural assimilation (1 Mark)
 - x) Globalization (1 Mark)
- b) Discuss **two** (2) major components of a cultural system giving examples of a community in Kenya (4 Marks)
- c) Give reasons why cultural geography was developed (2 Marks)
- d) Giving relevant examples, discuss **three** (3) cultural regions in Kenya. (6 Marks)
- e) Differentiate between the African cultural perception of a forest and that of the British during the colonial times (4 Marks)
- f) Examine the relationship between language and geography (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) “*The natural environment influences people’s languages*” Giving two examples from Kenya, discuss this statement (4 Marks)
- b) The location of power centers, trade routes and capital cities influences the type of languages which is dominant in a region. With concrete examples, discuss two (2) languages which dominate Africa due to political reasons (6 Marks)

- c) Cultural assimilation is the process by which a group or individual adopts the values, behaviors and customs of another culture, often at the expense of their own cultural identity. Discuss **two** (2) examples of cultural assimilation that African communities have experienced over time.

(10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Globalization has both positive and negative effects on communities. Giving relevant examples in each case, discuss any **two** (2) positive and any **two** (2) negative effects of globalization on Kenyan communities (8 Marks)
- b) Giving appropriate examples, discuss **two** (2) aspects of environmental globalization (4 Marks)
- c) Giving appropriate examples, explain **two** (2) aspects of cultural globalization (4 Marks)
- d) Giving appropriate examples, explain **two** (2) aspects of economic globalization (4 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- i) Explain what a culture hearth entails (5 Marks)
- ii) With **three** (3) examples, discuss how the Nile culture hearth from Africa has shaped our world today. (15 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- i) Explain what is the cultural geography of slave trade (5 Marks)
- ii) Examine how cultural geography of trade influenced human populations in Africa (5 Marks)
- iii) Discuss any **two** (2) benefits of cultural imperialism on the African people. (10 Marks)