



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

FIRST SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE/ARTS)**

GEO 117: INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHY

STREAM: Y1, BEd (SCIENCE/ARTS)

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: WEDNESDAY [11.30 – 13.30 P.M]

DATE: 04/02/2026

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES

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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.

Sketch maps and diagrams should be used whenever they serve to illustrate an answer.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Explain the meaning of the following terms as used in geography:

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| (i) Spatial distributions | (2 Marks) |
| (ii) Vertical relationships | (2 Marks) |
| (iii) Process | (2 Marks) |
| (iv) Possibilism | (2 Marks) |
| (v) Unity in diversity | (2 Marks) |

b) Discuss any **Five** (5) special characteristics of geography (10 Marks)

c) Examine the role of geography in the national development of Kenya (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

Giving relevant examples, explain the contributions of the following scholars to the development of the geographic thought

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| a) Erastotenes | (9 Marks) |
| b) Immanuel Kant | (6 Marks) |

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

a) Explain why regionalism paradigm was rejected after 1950 (6 Marks)

b) Discuss the limitations of environmental determinism as a school of thought in the study of man-nature interaction (9 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

a) Explain the positive effects of Quantitative Revolution on the development of geography (8 Marks)

b) Give **Five** (5) reasons to why geographers are better placed to handle environmental issues than other scientists. (7 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

Examine the physical and human factors that determine the global distribution of human population (15 Marks)