



UNDERGRADUATE UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

EDV 402: GLOBALIZATION AND MOVEMENTS FOR CHANGE

DATE: 1ST APRIL 2026

DURATION: 2 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 70

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write your registration number on the answer booklet.
2. **DO NOT** write on this question paper.
3. This paper contains **SIX (6)** questions.
4. Question **ONE** is compulsory.
5. Answer any other **THREE** questions.
6. Question **ONE** carries **25 MARKS** and the rest carry **15 MARKS** each.
7. **Write all your answers in the Examination answer booklet provided.**

QUESTION ONE

Read the Case Study below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

THE STORY OF TERRA-CONNECT – NAVIGATING A CHANGING WORLD

In 2025, Terra-Connect, a global non-profit consortium based in Nairobi, set out to combat food insecurity in East Africa through the integration of emerging technologies. Using AI-driven climate models, blockchain for transparent supply chains, and IoT sensors in local farms, Terra-Connect empowered smallholder farmers with actionable data to increase yields and resilience.

The initiative quickly caught international attention. Partnering with the UN's Global Sustainability Network and several EU-funded programs, Terra-Connect exemplified how international cooperation and governance could adapt to 21st-century challenges. Through a digitally coordinated alliance of governments, NGOs, and private enterprises, the project established a new framework for agile, cross-border collaboration – showing the potential for a more integrated global governance model.

However, the consortium's work was not without challenges. Climate change, evident in prolonged droughts and erratic rainfall patterns, threatened the project's goals and the livelihoods of farmers. Recognizing this, Terra-Connect became a vocal advocate in global sustainability movements, pushing for climate-adaptive agricultural practices and sustainable technology use. Their campaigns inspired similar models across Africa and beyond. Meanwhile, shifting geopolitical dynamics and pandemic aftershocks spurred trends toward deglobalization and localization. Many regions began favoring local food systems and shorter supply chains. Terra-Connect adapted by emphasizing local partnerships, promoting regional innovation hubs, and encouraging knowledge transfer among East African communities. This localized approach not only enhanced resilience but also strengthened community ownership and cultural relevance.

As Terra-Connect moves into the next decade, its story underscores a key lesson: the path forward lies in balancing global collaboration with local empowerment, harnessing emerging technologies to confront the existential threats of climate change, and navigating the evolving tides of globalization and localization with adaptability and foresight.

Required:

- a) From the case study above, discuss how the emerging technologies contributed to Terra-Connect's mission. **(4 Marks)**
- b) In the context of the case study, describe five ways that made Terra-Connect's international partnerships successful. **(5 Marks)**
- c) Analyze five benefits and challenges that made Terra-Connect's shift toward local partnerships. **(10 Marks)**
- d) Propose three key lessons from Terra-Connect's experience that could be applied in your own organization or community. **(6 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Discuss five roles of the Bretton Wood's institutions policies and programs in advancing globalization. **(5 Marks)**
- b) Using examples from your course, explain five distinct ways in which globalization contributes to environmental degradation. **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Globalization is the process by which people, businesses, governments, and cultures become increasingly interconnected and interdependent across the world. Using Kenya as an example, assess five ways in which globalization influences a state's sovereignty. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Drawing on your readings and additional sources, identify and explain three root causes of new global risks and crises. **(5 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Evaluate ways in which globalization both fuel and mitigate conflicts and violations of human rights. **(9 Marks)**
- b) Describe three major stages in the historical evolution of globalization. **(6 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Critique five challenges third-world countries face in leveraging globalization for technological advancement. **(10 Marks)**
- b) Define the concept of 'democratic deficit' in the context of globalization. **(5 Marks)**

QUESTION SIX

- a) Assess five ways how third-world countries reduce their reliance on imported technologies while fostering local innovation. **(5 Marks)**
- b) Compare two key theories of globalization and discuss their explanations of how globalization works. **(10 Marks)**