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FINAL EXAMINATION, MAY 2005
B.A., BASS, B.ED.

TITLE OF PAPER: SOCIAL AND CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY

COURSE CODE: GEP 224

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS INCLUDING
QUESTION ONE (1) WHICH IS COMPULSORY**

**MARKS ALLOCATION: QUESTION ONE (1) CARRIES 40 MARKS. THE
REST OF QUESTIONS CARRY 30 MARKS EACH**

**THIS QUESTION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION
HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

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**Section A:
Compulsory Question**

Question 1

Write brief explanatory notes on:

40 Marks

- a) Cultural Geography;
- b) Cultural Region;
- c) Cultural Ecology; and
- d) Cultural Landscape

**SECTION B:
Choose Two Questions From This Section**

Question 2:

‘Cultural differences, including language, religion and ethnicity are the root causes of all sub-Saharan Africa’s problems’. Discuss the validity of this statement.

30 Marks

Question 3:

Hagerstrand recognizes several types of innovation diffusion.

- a) Using examples identify two main types of innovation diffusion and explain how these occur. **15 Marks**
- b) Using examples identify two main types of barriers and explain how they retard the spread of innovation. **15 Marks**

Question 4:

- a) Explain how rural urban migration occurs according to the “push” and “pull” theories. **10 Marks**
- b) Explain why it is difficult to separate the “push” and “pull” factors in explaining the migration. **10 Marks**
- c) Identify and elaborate on the implication of migration on the area of origin and the destination. **10 Marks**

Question 5:

- a) Discuss the essential condition for conducting a successful national census in a developing country. **15 Marks**
- b) Explain why population numbers and densities tend to diminish with altitude. **15 Marks**