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FINAL EXAMINATION, MAY 2006

B.A., B.ED.

TITLE OF PAPER: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

COURSE CODE: GEP 226

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
OTHER 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

a) Using examples, discuss the factors which influence exploitation of mineral resources in African countries. 25 Marks

b) Critically discuss the strategies the Swaziland government is implementing to attract foreign investment into the country. 15 Marks
(40 Marks)

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

Question 2

Discuss the applicability of von Thunen's agricultural location theory in Swaziland. (30 Marks)

Question 3

Discuss the socio-economic influence on agricultural production in Africa. (30 Marks)

Question 4

Identify and describe the main indices used to measure socio-economic inequality and discuss their merits and limitations. (30 Marks)

Question 5

Using examples, comment on the way social services are distributed between rural and urban areas in the region or country most familiar to you in Southern Africa. (30 Marks)