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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER - MAY 2006
BA HUMANITIES, BA.ED

TITLE : GEOGRAPHY AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

COURSE NUMBER: GEP 416

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS.
2. QUESTION ONE (1) IS COMPULSORY.
3. CHOOSE TWO (2) OTHER QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.
4. WHERE APPROPRIATE ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWER
WITH EXAMPLES.

MARKS ALLOCATION: QUESTION ONE CARRIES FORTY (40) MARKS AND
THE OTHER QUESTIONS CARRY THIRTY (30) MARKS
EACH.

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SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTION

QUESTION 1

- (a) Explain how African countries can deal with their foreign trade problems.
(20 marks)
- (b) Outline the likely limitations to be encountered while implementing the measures suggested in (a) above.

(20 marks)
[40 marks]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2

'Carol's stages of technology development can be matched with the development processes in Africa'. Discuss these stages with reference to the colonial and post-colonial development of the continent.

[30 marks]

QUESTION 3

'It is often argued that the Western-style health services are not adequate for most African countries'. Critically analyze the validity of this statement and recommend appropriate systems for African countries.

[30 marks]

QUESTION 4

- (a) Explain how individual countries are expected to benefit from globalization of economic activities such as trade.

(15 marks)

- (b) Discuss the implications of globalization for small countries like Swaziland.

(15 marks)
[30 marks]

QUESTION 5

- (a) Using examples explain how environmental factors influence plant growth and how these can be influenced to suit production of particular crops.

(15 marks)

- (b) Discuss the suitability for maize and sorghum farming in Swaziland and explain the bases for farmer's choice between the two crops.

(15 marks)
[30 marks]