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TITLE OF PAPER: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

COURSE CODE: GEP 226

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS**
- 2. CHOOSE TWO QUESTIONS FROM EACH SECTIONS**
- 3. WHERE APPROPRIATE, ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWER WITH DIAGRAMS AND EXAMPLES**

MARKS ALLOCATION: EACH QUESTION CARRIES TWENTY FIVE (25) MARKS

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SECTION: A

Answer Two Questions from This Section

Question 1:

Using examples, discuss the relationship between economic rent, land use and crop yields. **(25 Marks)**

Question 2:

‘The distribution of mining activity in any region does not correlate simply with the distribution of known resources. The extent to which the resources are exploited depends on the economic need and incentive to mine or quarry them, as well as technical knowledge and ability to extract, process and convert them to useful ends (Norman 2005)’. Discuss this statement. **(25 Marks)**

Question 3:

Discuss the main socio-economic factors which influence agricultural production in developing countries. **(25 Marks)**

Section: B

Answer Any Two Questions from This Section

Question 4:

Using relevant examples, discuss the two approaches used in studying levels of well being and inequality. **(25 Marks)**

Question 5:

Using relevant examples discuss the theory of ‘structuration’ proposed by Anthony Giddens (1984) in *The Constitution of Society*. **(25 Marks)**

Question 6:

Using examples, explain how patriarchy and capitalism hinder the advancement and upward mobility of African women. **(25 Marks)**