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B.A., B.ED. (F/PT)

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

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

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SECTION: A

Answer any Two Questions from this Section

Question 1:

With special reference to Swaziland, discuss the impact of HIV/AIDS on the extended family system. **(25 Marks)**

Question 2:

- a) Describe Marxist social theory. **(10 Marks)**
 - b) Identify and discuss three components of Marxist social theory. **(15 Marks)**
- (25 Marks)**

Question 3:

Discuss the effect of socio-cultural factors on fertility rates in Africa. **(25 Marks)**

Section: B

Answer any Two Questions from this Section

Question 4:

Using relevant examples, discuss the factors which influence the exploitation of mineral resources in sub-Saharan African countries. **(25 Marks)**

Question 5:

‘Von Thunen suggested that the value of land and its rent depended on its distance from the town which served as a market’. Using a diagram and examples discuss the validity of the statement. **(25 Marks)**

Question 6:

Discuss the concept of the market economy as proposed by Adam Smith in The Wealth of Nations (1776). **(25 Marks)**