

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

**DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND
PLANNING**

FINAL EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2016

B.A., B.Ed. (FT/PT)

TITLE OF PAPER: SOCIO-ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

COURSE CODE: GEP222/GEP226

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS ONLY.**
- 2. CHOOSE AND ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS IN EACH SECTION.**
- 3. WHERE APPROPRIATE, ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWER WITH DIAGRAMS AND EXAMPLES.**
- 4. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN ANY ORDER BUT LABEL THEM CLEARLY.**

MARKS ALLOCATION: EACH QUESTION CARRIES 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 (2) QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

QUESTION 1

- a) Identify and explain the two spatial interpretations that have dominated recent discussions of cultural turn in geography. (10 marks)
- b) Outline the five common factors causing cultural change across all societies in both developed and developing countries. (15 marks)

(25 Marks)

QUESTION 2

Write notes to explain these five terms associated with migration:

- a) Todaro migration model (5 marks)
- b) The age of migration (5 marks)
- c) Forced migration (5 marks)
- d) Brain drain (5 marks)
- e) Feminization of migration (5 marks)

(25 Marks)

QUESTION 3

Using examples and theoretical arguments, discuss the relationship between rapid population growth and socio-economic development in developing countries in sub-Saharan African region and beyond.

(25 Marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

QUESTION 4

Using a diagram, explain Christaller's Central Place Theory. (25 Marks)

QUESTION 5

- a) Identify and explain the three broad economic systems that different societies can adopt to solve their economic problems. (15 marks)
- b) Outline the arguments of the world systems theorists in their attempt to explain uneven international economic development. (10 marks)

(25 Marks)

QUESTION 6

Explain the five concepts below associated with the link between transportation systems and spatial organization of economic activities:

- a) Core/periphery (5 marks)
- b) Poles (5 marks)
- c) Gateway (5 marks)
- d) Reciprocity in location (5 marks)
- e) Reciprocity in mobility (5 marks)

(25 Marks)