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**RE-SIT EXAMINATION, JULY 2017**

**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**

'The transformation and commodification of traditional African cultures is unfavourable to the identity and development of societies'. Using examples, discuss the validity of this statement.

**(25 Marks)**

**QUESTION 2**

a) Identify and discuss the causes and controversies of the recent trends of migration from developing to developed countries.

(15 marks)

b) Outline the central arguments of the Malthusian population trap.

(10 marks)

**(25 Marks)**

**QUESTION 3**

Explain the following five social theories that inform social geography:

a) Marxism

(5 marks)

b) Queer theory

(5 marks)

c) Feminism

(5 marks)

d) Postcolonialism

(5 marks)

e) Poststructuralism

(5 marks)

**(25 Marks)**

**SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION**

**QUESTION 4**

Using a diagram, identify and explain the stages of the Rostow's Growth Stages Model.

**(25 Marks)**

**QUESTION 5**

a) Identify and explain the three conceptual categories of regional spatial organization of transport systems and networks.

(15 marks)

b) Outline the central arguments of the structuralist approach in explaining the spatial location of economic activity.

(10 marks)

**(25 Marks)**

**QUESTION 6**

Explain the following five key features of economic globalization:

a) Changing concepts of space and time

(5 marks)

b) Increasing cultural interactions

(5 marks)

c) The commonality of problems

(5 marks)

d) Interconnections and interdependencies

(5 marks)

e) Transnational actors and organizations

(5 marks)

**(25 Marks)**