

ALLOCATION OF MARKS :

EACH QUESTION CARRIES TWENTY FIVE  
(25) MARKS.

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**SECTION A**

**ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 1**

- a) Using illustrations, briefly explain the causes of rural–urban disparities. (12 marks)
  - b) Using examples, explain three basic features of rural–urban migration. (13 marks)
- (25 Marks)**

**QUESTION 2**

- (a) List the various types of settlements identified by Walter Christaller in a descending order starting with the largest. (9 marks)
  - (b) Briefly explain why Walter Christaller simplified the world in his theory to explain distribution of settlements. (4 marks)
  - (c) Give the three basic principles constituting Zipf's application of the Rank Size Rule. (12 marks)
- (25 Marks)**

**QUESTION 3**

- (a) Describe the nature of the urban housing problem in Swaziland (10 marks)
  - (b) Using examples, discuss three low income housing development strategies that were implemented by the government of Swaziland in the last 20 years. (15 marks)
- (25 Marks)**

**SECTION B**

**ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 4**

Identify and explain the various factors that influence transport costs.

**QUESTION 5**

**(25 Marks)**

- (a) Using examples, define the following types of energy sources:

- (i) Renewable energy sources
- (ii) Non-renewable energy sources

- (b) Explain five factors influencing utilization of energy sources in the world. (5 marks)
- (20 marks)**
- (25 Marks)**

**QUESTION 6**

Discuss the future of the mining industry under the prevailing global environmental and economic arrangements.

**(25 Marks)**