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B.A. HUMANITIES IV

TITLE OF PAPER : SPECIAL AREAS STUDIES

COURSE NUMBER : GEP414

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS**
- 2. QUESTION ONE IN SECTION A IS COMPULSORY AND ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS IN SECTION B**
- 3. ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH EXAMPLES AND LARGE CLEARLY DRAWN DIAGRAMS WHERE APPROPRIATE.**

ALLOCATION OF MARKS: QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) IS WORTH 40 MARKS WHILE THE REST ARE WORTH 30 MARKS EACH.

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GEP414: SPECIAL AREAS STUDIES MAIN EXAMINATION - NOVEMBER 2021**SECTION A
COMPULSORY****QUESTION 1**

- a) Describe the geographical location of the Southeast Asia region paying attention to fact of the region being a special area geographical study. (4 marks)
- b) List the names of countries in the following Southeast Asian regions:
- i) Mainland region (5 marks)
 - ii) Insular region (6 marks)
- c) Southeast Asia is regarded as 'representing an ideal regional laboratory in which to examine development'. Discuss this statement focusing on what makes this region special and how it compares with the Kingdom of Eswatini. (25 marks)
- (40 MARKS)**

**SECTION B
ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS****QUESTION 2**

"In general, tropical soils are not as agriculturally productive as temperate soils, and the soils of SEA are no exception" (Leinbach & Ulack, 2000). Discuss the reasons for this soil status in the SEA region.

(30 MARKS)**QUESTION 3**

- a) Explain the various social changes that took place in Southeast Asia in the last few decades. (20 marks)
- b) Describe the factors that contributed to the fertility decline in Southeast Asia between 1985 and 1990. (10 marks)
- (30 MARKS)**

QUESTION 4

- a) Discuss the factors responsible for the general rapid urbanization experienced in some countries in Southeast Asia. (10 marks)
- b) Describe the three urbanization categories witnessed in Southeast Asian countries. (20 marks)
- (30 MARKS)**

QUESTION 5

- a) Explain the concept of import substitution in the context of Southeast Asia (9 marks)
- b) Discuss the limitations of the Import Substitution Industrialization that confronted some of the Southeast Asian countries such as Malaysia (21 marks)
- (30 MARKS)**