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B.A., B.ED.

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

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SECTION: A

Answer Two Questions from This Section

Question 1:

'The role of transport costs is central to the understanding of theory of industrial location put forward by Alfred Weber in 1909'. Discuss the validity of the statement. **(25 Marks)**

Question: 2

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

Question: 3

'Every agricultural system represents an adjustment to climatic conditions'. Discuss the validity of the statement. **(25 Marks)**

Section: B

Answer Any Two Questions from This Section

Question: 4

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

Question: 5

Identify and discuss the factors affecting migration and their consequence on the area of origin. **(25 Marks)**

Question: 6

Using relevant examples, discuss the two approaches used in studying levels of well being and inequality. **(25 Marks)**