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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION: JULY 2008
BASS II.

TITLE OF PAPER : URBAN AND ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

COURSE NUMBER : GEP 229

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS (TWO FROM EACH SECTION)

2. ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH EXAMPLES AND LARGE CLEARLY DRAWN DIAGRAMS WHERE APPROPRIATE.

ALLOCATION OF MARKS : ALL QUESTIONS ARE WORTH 25 MARKS

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SECTION A: ANSWER ANY **TWO** QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

- (a) Briefly describe the main characteristics of an urban fringe area and explain why it is regarded as one of a city's regions. (5 marks)
 - (b) Account for the emergence and growth of informal settlements in the urban fringe areas in Swaziland. (10 marks)
 - (c) Explain why planning intervention is difficult in the informal settlements located in the urban fringe areas in Swaziland. (10 marks)
- (25 marks)**

QUESTION 2

Using relevant examples, discuss the role of urban places in the socio – economic development of a country. (25 marks)

QUESTION 3

With reference to sub-Saharan African countries, discuss the main problems that arise due to rapid urban growth. (25 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY **TWO** QUESTIONS

QUESTION 4

Using relevant examples, discuss the **three** approaches to the interpretation of human and nature relationship. (25 marks)

QUESTION 5

Explain the factors constraining human beings from utilizing some of the environmental elements. (25 marks)

QUESTION 6

Critically discuss the major development indicators commonly use to estimate levels of development in countries around the world.

(25 marks)