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**DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND PLANNING**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY, 2008**  
**BASS IV**

TITTLE : SOCIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

COURSE NUMBER: GEP 426

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS.  
2. QUESTION ONE (1) IS COMPULSORY.  
3. CHOOSE TWO (2) OTHER QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.  
4. WHERE APPROPRIATE ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWER  
WITH EXAMPLES.

MARKS ALLOCATION: QUESTION ONE CARRIES FORTY (40) MARKS AND  
THE OTHER QUESTIONS CARRY THIRTY (30) MARKS  
EACH.

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**SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTION**

**Question 1**

(a) Discuss the main limitations of using Gross National Product (GNP) as a measure of social welfare.

(20 Marks)

(b) Discuss the difficulties in the modification of the GNP and the search for alternative measures for welfare.

(20 Marks)

**(40 Marks)**

**SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS**

**Question 2**

(a) Using relevant examples outline the main kinds of data required in the planning of social services.

(15 marks)

(b) Discuss the policy issues likely to arise in the planning of social services.

(15 marks)

**(30 marks)**

**Question 3**

Using relevant examples, explain how you would address distributional problems in the planning of social services.

**(30 marks)**

**Question 4**

'The main criticisms of any form of planning are that targets set in the plan are not achieved'. Using the social service sector as an example, explain the conditions under which such criticisms arise.

**(30 marks)**

**Question 5**

Discuss why governments need and produce statistics.

**(30 marks)**