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FINAL EXAMINATION, DECEMBER- 2011
BASS

TITLE OF PAPER: URBAN AND ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

COURSE CODE: GEP 229

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

THIS QUESTION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

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SECTION: A

Answer Any Two Questions from this Section

Question 1:

Using examples discuss gentrification and its impact on the urban core. **(25 Marks)**

Question 2

Explain what is meant by each of the following;

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| a) Central Business District (CBD) | 7 marks |
| b) Postmodernism | 6 marks |
| c) Urban Systems | 6 marks |
| d) Urban Geography | 6 marks |
- (25 Marks)**

Question 3:

‘Central place theory is a spatial theory in urban geography that attempts to explain the reasons behind the distribution patterns, size, and number of cities and towns around the world’. Discuss the validity of the statement. **(25 Marks)**

SECTION: B

Answer Any Two Questions from this Section

Question 4:

Using examples discuss the causes and consequences of globalization in the developing countries. **(25 Marks)**

Question 5:

Discuss the role of the World Bank in the development of developing countries. **(25 Marks)**

Question 6:

Discuss the concept of the market economy as proposed by Adam Smith in The Wealth of Nations (1976). **(25 Marks)**