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FINAL EXAMINATION, MAY 2012

B.A., B.ED.

TITLE OF PAPER: SPECIAL AREA STUDIES (North America)

COURSE CODE: GEP 432

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS INCLUDING
QUESTION ONE (1) WHICH IS COMPULSORY**

**MARKS ALLOCATION: QUESTION ONE (1) CARRIES 40 MARKS. THE
REST OF QUESTIONS CARRY 30 MARKS EACH**

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

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Section: A
Compulsory Question

Question 1

Using diagrams discuss the Concentric Zone Model of the American city structure.
(40 Marks)

Section: B
Answer Any Two Questions from this Section

Question 2

Identify and discuss the key environmental issues affecting North America today.
(30 Marks)

Question 3

With all their size and strength, industries in North America are constantly changing in character (Paterson, 1994). Discuss the validity of the statement. **(30 Marks)**

Question 4

Using examples discuss the differences between upscale urban and upscale sub-urban neighbourhoods. **(30 Marks)**

Question 5

With the aid of a sketch map, divide North America into seven climatic regions and discuss the characteristics of each of them. **(30 Marks)**