

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE &
PLANNING
FINAL EXAMINATION, MAY 2013
B.A., B.ED.

TITLE OF PAPER: SPECIAL AREA STUDIES (South East Asia)

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

The 'recognition that successful development projects often depend on incorporation of gender perspectives has led to the evolution of two widely accepted policy strategies for formulating development plans'. Using examples identify and discuss both of these policy strategies in South East Asia. **40 Marks**

Section: B Answer Any Two Questions from this Section

Question 2

Compare and contrast the approaches of national governments towards the development of the rural sector in South East Asia and Southern Africa. **(30 Marks)**

Question 3

'Transport costs have reduced their contribution to the total costs of production to such a degree that traditional theories of the location of manufacturing activity are no longer of any use.' Discuss the validity of the statement. **(30 Marks)**

Question 4

Using examples, discuss any six major environmental problems in South East Asia. **(30 Marks)**

Question 5

'In general tropical soils are not as agriculturally productive as temperate soils, and the soils of South East Asia are no exception to this statement'. Discuss the validity of the statement. **(30 Marks)**