

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND  
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND PLANNING  
MAIN EXAMINATION: DECEMBER 2015  
BASS II

TITLE OF PAPER	:	URBAN AND ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY
COURSE NUMBER	:	GEP 229
TIME ALLOWED	:	THREE (3) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS (TWO FROM EACH SECTION)</li><li>2. ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH EXAMPLES AND LARGE CLEARLY DRAWN DIAGRAMS WHERE APPROPRIATE.</li></ol>
ALLOCATION OF MARKS :		EACH QUESTION CARRIES TWENTY FIVE (25) MARKS.

**GEP 229: Urban and Economic Geography (December 2015)****SECTION A****ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS****QUESTION 1**

- a) Define urbanization in morphological and functional terms. (5 marks)
  - b) State and describe the four eras through which world urbanization passed. (8 marks)
  - c) Using examples, explain the factors influencing urbanization. (12 marks)
- (25 marks)**

**QUESTION 2**

- a) Briefly describe the main characteristics of an urban fringe area and explain why it is regarded as one of a city's zones. (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 3**

Discuss the impacts of rural-urban migration on the agricultural sector. (25 marks)

**SECTION B****ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS****QUESTION 4**

Using the "Morril, Taaffe and Gould Model", discuss the origins and development of transport routes and network in Africa. (25 marks)

**QUESTION 5**

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

**QUESTION 6**

- a) Provide three definitions of the concept of globalization (9 marks)
- b) State two (2) global economic organizations in which Swaziland is a member and briefly