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DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND
PLANNING

FINAL EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2017

B.A., B.Ed. (FT/PT)

TITLE OF PAPER: SOCIO-ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

COURSE CODE: GEP222/GEP226

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:
1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS ONLY.
 2. CHOOSE AND ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS IN EACH SECTION.
 3. WHERE APPROPRIATE, ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWER WITH DIAGRAMS AND EXAMPLES.
 4. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN ANY ORDER BUT LABEL THEM CLEARLY.

MARKS ALLOCATION: EACH QUESTION CARRIES 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 (2) QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

QUESTION 1

- a) What is social geography? (5 marks)
- b) Write detailed notes to explain these two basic concepts in social geography:
- i) Society (10 marks)
 - ii) Space (10 marks)
- (25 Marks)**

QUESTION 2

Using a diagram, explain the stages of the demographic transition model. (25 Marks)

QUESTION 3

Using a diagram, explain the concept of social class and its relevance in understanding social and spatial inequalities in urban Swaziland. (25 Marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

QUESTION 4

- a) Using a diagram, explain von Thunen's theory of agricultural land use. (20 marks)
- b) Outline the criticisms levelled against von Thunen's theory. (5 marks)
- (25 Marks)**

QUESTION 5

Using examples, discuss why most countries in Africa with rich deposits of natural resources are poor and politically unstable. (25 Marks)

QUESTION 6

Explain the following five key features of economic globalization:

- a) Changing concepts of space and time (5 marks)
 - b) Increasing cultural interactions (5 marks)
 - c) The commonality of problems (5 marks)
 - d) Interconnections and interdependencies (5 marks)
 - e) Transnational actors and organizations (5 marks)
- (25 Marks)**