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FINAL EXAMINATION: DECEMBER 2017
BASS II

TITLE OF PAPER : URBAN AND ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY
COURSE NUMBER : GEP 234
TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS (TWO FROM EACH SECTION)
2. ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH EXAMPLES AND LARGE CLEARLY DRAWN DIAGRAMS WHERE APPROPRIATE.

ALLOCATION OF MARKS : EACH QUESTION CARRIES TWENTY FIVE (25) MARKS.

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SECTION A

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

- (a) Define the term urban. (5 marks)
 - (b) Explain the origins of urban places through the various eras in history. (10 marks)
 - (c) Explain three factors that facilitated the emergence and growth of urban places. (10 marks)
- (25 Marks)**

QUESTION 2

With the help of a diagram, discuss the rural-urban migration process according to Mabogunje's Systems Theory of Rural-Urban Migration.

(25 Marks)

QUESTION 3

Using examples, discuss the role of urban places in the socio-economic development of a country.

(25 Marks)

SECTION B

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 4

- (a) Give a basic definition of the term economy. (4 marks)
 - (b) Describe two types of economic systems in the world (6 marks)
 - (c) Using a diagram, fully describe the key features of a simple economy. (15 marks)
- (25 Marks)**

QUESTION 5

- (a) Describe the two major trends in the innovation of transport routes. (10 marks)
 - (b) 'Transport cost rates are not always proportional to distance'. Discuss the validity of this statement. (15 marks)
- (25 Marks)**

QUESTION 6

Discuss the future of the mining industry under the prevailing global environmental and economic arrangements.

(25 Marks)