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GEOG220 W2

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TOTAL MARKS: 100

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NOTE: THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES. PLEASE SEE THAT YOU HAVE THEM ALL.

Instruction to students:

1. This paper consists of two sections
 2. Each section is worth 50 marks
 3. Answer each section in a separate answer book
 4. On the cover of each answer book indicate the section answered (Section A or Section B)
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SECTION A

1. Define FIVE (5) of the following concepts: (5 x 2 = 10)

- 1.1 Chronic poverty
- 1.2 Long wave event
- 1.3 Rural institutions
- 1.4 Xenophobia
- 1.5 Land Ownership
- 1.6 Sustainable development
- 1.7 Brain drain
- 1.8 African socialism (*ujamaa*)

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2. Answer THREE (3) of the following: (3 x 5 = 15)

- 2.1 List 5 key characteristics of rural.
- 2.2 Discuss the structural adjustment approach to rural development.
- 2.3 List the 4 waves associated with HIV/AIDS.
- 2.4 List 5 biases identified by Chambers (1983) that undermine rural development.
- 2.5 Identify the 4 elements of technology.

3. Essay Questions: answer ONE (1) of the following:

3.1 With the aid of a diagram, discuss Rostow's five (5) stage growth model in the context of rural development. (25)

3.2 Discuss the critical issues influencing rural poverty in South Africa, where possible use examples. (25)

3.3 Compare and discuss the Integrated Rural Development and Basics Needs approach to rural development. Identify strengths and weaknesses of each approach. (25)

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SECTION B

1. Define FIVE (5) of the following concepts: (5 x 2 = 10)

- 1.1 Urbanization
- 1.2 Megacities
- 1.3 Social capital
- 1.4 Afrophobia
- 1.5 Natural increase
- 1.6 Redundancy
- 1.7 Relative poverty
- 1.8 Informal sector

2. Answer THREE (3) of the following: (3 x 5 = 15)

- 2.1 Discuss the reasons why people participate in the informal sector.
- 2.2 Discuss the concept of strong sustainability in an urban context.
- 2.3 African urbanization is described as "urbanization in poverty" (Baumeister & Knebel, 2009: 1). Discuss the unique features of the process of African urbanization.
- 2.4. Discuss the reasons why cities are vulnerable to both natural and anthropocentric threats.
- 2.5. Discuss the concept of social resilience.

3. Essays Questions: answer ONE (1) of the following:

- 3.1. Violence against women in urban contexts is gaining momentum at citywide, national and international levels. Discuss the factors that contribute to gender- based violence in an urban context. (25)
- 3.2. There are widespread concerns about the effects of urban social change that accompanies globalisation. Discuss reasons why societal institutions are key to building social cohesion in cities. (25)

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- 3.3. The informal sector constitutes ‘the backbone’ of national economies in African countries. Discuss reasons why this sector absorbs much of the urban workforce and its impacts on the livelihoods of the urban poor. (25)