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FINAL EXAMINATION – (2007)
SSF 1302 - GEOGRAPHY



DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 09th October 2007

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer questions one (01) and four (04) other questions, selecting one (01) question from each part.

Each question carries 20 marks.

World maps are provided

1. Mark and name the following in a world map.
 - (i) Four major fishing grounds in the Northern hemisphere.
 - (ii) Four major petroleum producing centers in Asia.
 - (iii) Five countries in Western Asia with more than 50% of the population living in urban areas.
 - (iv) New Zealand, South Africa, Argentina, Madagascar and River Amazon. (20 marks)

PART I

2. (a) Explain the characteristics of Nomadic Herding (10 marks)
(b) Briefly explain the concept of 'possibilism'. (10 marks)
3. (a) What are maintainable natural resources? (5 marks)
(b) Explain the technology that is utilised in developing countries to preserve maintainable resources for future consumption. (15 marks)
4. Write short notes on any two (02) of the following topics
 - (i) Dairy farming
 - (ii) Exhaustible resources
 - (iii) Petroleum production
 - (iv) Shifting cultivation (20 marks)

PART II

5. Discuss the characteristics of subsistence agriculture in the tropical regions? (20 marks)
6. Explain the uniqueness of plantation agriculture in the economies in developing countries. (20 marks)
7. (a) Name **four** regions with a Mediterranean climate. (08 marks)
(b) Explain the main features of the Mediterranean climate. (12 marks)

PART III

8. Discuss with suitable examples the modern methods used for commercial wheat cultivation. (20 marks)
9. Compare and contrast the major characteristics as well as the scope of road and railway transportation. (20 marks)
10. Discuss the impact of natural environment on population distribution patterns (20 marks)

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