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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

GEO 417: ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

DATE: 1ST AUGUST 2024

DURATION: 2 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 70

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write your registration number on the answer booklet.
2. **DO NOT** write on this question paper.
3. This paper contains **SIX (6)** questions.
4. Question **ONE** is compulsory.
5. Answer any other **THREE** questions.
6. Question **ONE** carries **25 MARKS** and the rest carry **15 MARKS** each.
7. Write all your answers in the Examination answer booklet provided

QUESTION ONE

Read the case study below carefully and answer questions that follow:-

SCOPE OF ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

The subject -area of economic geographical is as broad as the expansion of human economic activities. Economic activities refer to those actions of human beings that increase the value or form of various goods and increase their ability to satisfy different needs to human beings. The increase in the value of goods comes from their form, place and place ownership. Three basic requirements of man have been considered in the absence of which his life becomes difficult. The three basic requirements are food, clothing and shelter.

In an attempt to satisfy this needs man has adopted unparalleled dynamism of new socio-economic system. Marx and Engels predicted in 1818, that capitalism would be the appropriate way to acquire wealth and that this would spread to the entire world. By the end of the 20th Century the prediction was confirmed. Capitalism had become global, but only offers a tortious and violent course of world institutional changes. Today the world of capitalism is however, not so well received such that it is conflictual and violently contested.

Required:

- a) From the case study above, what is the concept of capitalism? **(3 Marks)**
- b) Propose any four characteristics of capitalism **(8 Marks)**
- c) From the case study what in your opinion is the main focus of economic geography? **(2 Marks)**
- d) Citing appropriate examples, evaluate any four classifications of economic activities. **(8 Marks)**
- e) Differentiate Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from Gross National Production (GNP) **(4 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Assess three significances of primary activities in economic development. (6 Marks)
- b) Examine three factors that undermine the development of manufacturing industries in developing nations. (6 Marks)
- c) Suggest any three primary economic activities done in Kenya. (3 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Critically examine any five major causes of disparities in economic development among world nations. (10 Marks)
- b) Assess five ways climate change has affected economic development in world regions. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) The division of economic activities is vital for credible economic development. Justify with five reasons. (10 Marks)
- b) Assess Weber's two major assumptions of industrial location. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Citing examples assess socio-economic factors for industrial location in Kenya. (10 Marks)
- b) Suggest five factors that affect mining industry in Kenya. (5 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

- (a) Evaluate changes in the world system due to industrialization. (10 Marks)
- (b) Examine any three types of capitalism. (3 Marks)
- (c) Assess two measures of spatial industrial location. (2 Marks)

