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TOTAL MARKS: 100

TIME: 3 HOURS

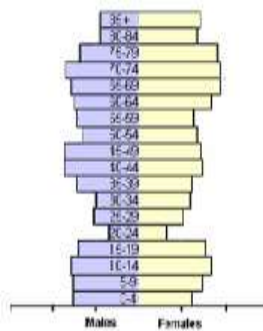
INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer any four (4) questions
- Where befitting, illustrate answers with relevant diagrams.

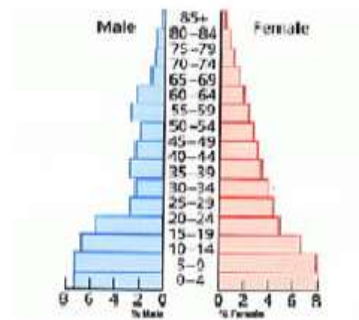
QUESTION 1

a) Below are two population pyramids (i) and (ii). Indicate which level of development each rural population portrays and provide the motivation for your conviction.

i.



ii.



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b) Discuss three points on the economic consequences of greying/ageing populations in the rural areas.

[15]

[25]

QUESTION 2

Discuss factors that influence the origin, function and growth of a rural settlements. [25]

QUESTION 3

Discuss how dissatisfaction with the modernism philosophy underlying quantitative Revolution led to the revisit and emphasis on the role of man in geographic inquiry. [25]

QUESTION 4

a) Mention five migration models. [5]

b) Discuss and distinguish between the different intervening obstacles' in Lee's model.

[15]

- c) According to Ernst Georg Ravenstein, what are migrant's tendencies with regards to distance? [5]
[25]

QUESTION 5

- a) Through which tools can geographers use quantitative methods to determine the level of settlement aggregation? [4]
b) Explain how rural settlements may be distinguished and give an example for each criteria mentioned. [8]
c) Show the distinction between wet and dry point settlements. [8]
d) Explain how site can determine the location of a settlement. [5]
[25]

QUESTION 6

- a) Briefly explain how each of the following people influenced the environmental determinism thought:
a. Ellen Semple [5]
b. Halford Mackinder [5]
b) How has environmental determinism fuelled imperialism. [5]
c) Give a brief explanation on how the study of geography should be conducted according to Richard Hartshorne. [5]
d) Distinguish between positivism and Possibilism. [5]
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