

THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO

BURP/BSC/ BEd. EXAMINATION

GES2323: RURAL GEOGRAPHY

JANUARY 2024

TOTAL MARKS: 100

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- The length of essay questions should **NOT** exceed **two pages**.
 - Answer only **FOUR (4)** questions
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QUESTION 1

Write short notes on each of the following:

- a) Areal differentiation [5]
 - b) Possibilism [5]
 - c) Environmental determinism [5]
 - d) Quantitative Revolution [5]
 - e) Positivism [5]
- [25]

QUESTION 2

- a) List and explain the three types of settlements based on form. [9]
 - b) Distinguish between:
 - i. Wet and dry point settlements. [4]
 - ii. Site and Situation. [4]
 - c) Explain how the following factors affect population distribution settlement formation in the rural areas:
 - i. Soil [4]
 - ii. Mountains [4]
- [25]

QUESTION 3

Discuss and describe Lee's intervening obstacles migration model and show how it differs from Stouffers' intervening opportunities in the context of rural spaces. [25]

QUESTION 4

Girls living in the rural areas of Lesotho, like the rest of the world face multifaceted forms of discrimination: humiliation, oppression, exclusion, exploitation, and unequal treatment, in every social sphere. As a geographer, use any one of the 5 themes of geography to consider and analyze the injustices mentioned.

[25]

QUESTION 5

- a) Define rural social structure. [2]
- b) List any three units of society common to the rural areas. [3]
- c) Write a short note the following in the rural society context:
 - i. Exogamy and [5]
 - ii. Endogamy [5]
 - iii. social organization in the rural areas [5]
- d) Relay how Tonnie's Gemeinschaft depicted social interaction in the rural areas. [5]

[25]

QUESTION 6

Discuss rural diversification and show how planning can support it through four points. [25]