

**THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO**

**BA/BSC./ B.Ed. EXAMINATION**

**GES2414: URBAN GEOGRAPHY**

**JANUARY, 2024**

**TOTAL MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 3HOURS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer any four (4) questions**
  - **Where befitting, illustrate answers with relevant diagrams.**
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**QUESTION 1**

- a) Explain the following criteria and use each to define a city:
- i. administration criterion [6]
  - ii. Urbanism [6]
- b) Give two limitations associated with each of the criteria in question (a) above. [8]
- c) Illustrate with diagrams the concept of over bounded and under bounded city. [5]
- [25]**

**QUESTION 2**

- a) According to Zipf's Rank-size rule, there are two major deviations from the rule while establishing the hierarchy of cities,
- i. Mention them. [2]
  - ii. Explain each of the anomalies mentioned in (i) above [4]
  - iii. With the help of a diagram, show these deviations mentioned and explained in (i. &ii.) above. [4]
- b) Explain the three main phases of the urbanisation Cycle. [9]
- c) Indicate how these two: market and government planning policy, are considered as triggers of city growth. [6]
- [25]**

**QUESTION 3**

Name and explain the structure of the city according to the Latin American or the Southeast Asian city model and illustrate with the help of a diagram. **[25]**

#### QUESTION 4

Account for *why* the city grows as told by John Alexander (1960).

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#### QUESTION 5

a) Write short notes on each urban social structure dynamic that guide interaction among urban dwellers mentioned below:

i. Rationality [5]

ii. Anti-egalitarianism [5]

iii. Secularism [5]

b) Headship is no longer by men alone but more and more women are heads of their own families. Give three reasons why there is this shift in the urban areas. [10]

[25]

#### QUESTION 6

Discuss in four points how advances in technology and automation as one of the major factors that influence employment in the urban areas can deepen urban poverty. [25]