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**SPECIAL EXAMINATION FOR SECOND SEMESTER FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION AND BACHELOR OF ARTS**

AGE 203: REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY OF EAST AFRICA

DATE..... TIME.....

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND OTHER TWO QUESTIONS, AT LEAST ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

- 1 a). Assess the contributions of Arabs and Portuguese towards the development of East Africa (4mks)
- b). Explain two factors that determine the soil types in East Africa. (6 Mks)
- c). Using illustrations, demonstrate how Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone influence rainfall patterns in East Africa (8Mks)
- d). Describe the distribution of any two rock types in East Africa and show how they are related to the surface relief in the region (6 Mks)
- e). Assess three major problems facing urban growth in East African region (6 Mks)

SECTION B: PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

- 2). Using illustrations, describe the physiographic regions of East African (20 Mks)
- 3 a). Discuss the factors that control vegetation distribution in East Africa (12Mks)
- b). Describe two major vegetation types of East Africa (8Mks)

SECTION C: HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

- 4 a). Account for the spatial variation of population in East Africa (16 Mks)

- b). Examine two threats to the development of tourism industry in East African region (4 Mks)
- 5 a). Evaluate the role of Government in improving pastoralism in East African Communities
(8 Mks)
- b). Assess the role of agriculture in improving the economy of East African Countries (12 Mks)