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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AGE 302: GEOGRAPHY OF AFRICA

DATE: 16/4/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any other Two Questions

Sketch maps and diagrams can be used to illustrate your answer whenever possible

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Describe the size and position of Africa in the world. (4 marks)
- b) Describe the drainage systems of Africa (4 marks)
- c) Examine the characteristics of nomadic pastoralism in Africa (6 marks)
- d) Assess the causes of annual temperature variations in Africa (6 marks)
- e) Examine three socio-economic factors that influence the distribution of agriculture in Africa. (6 marks)
- f) Give a critique of continental drift theory. (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain any three factors that control vegetation distribution in Africa. (10 marks)
- b) Describe the characteristics of savanna grassland of Africa. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Differentiate between aridity and desertification. (6 marks)
- b) Describe the main causes of desertification in Africa. (14 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Examine the major problems associated with food shortage in Africa. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the challenges facing Africa in view of emerging international trading blocks. (10 marks)
- b) Examine reasons why adequate and efficient transport and communication is important in Africa's development process. (10 marks)