



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

1ST SEMESTER 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREES OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE), BACHELOR
OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

GEOG 117: INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHY

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: MONDAY [14.30 – 16.30]

DATE: 05/12/2022

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.
- Sketch maps and diagrams should be used whenever they serve to illustrate an answer.

QUESTION ONE

(a) Explain the meaning of the following:

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| i) Spatial Interaction | (2 Marks) |
| ii) Vertical Relationships | (2 Marks) |
| iii) Cognitive Mapping | (2 Marks) |
| iv) Possibilism | (2 Marks) |
| v) Unity in Diversity | (2 Marks) |

(b) Examine the five themes in geography (10 Marks)

(c) Discuss the special characteristics of geography. (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

Giving examples, examine the contributions of the following to the development of geographic thought:

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| (a) Erastotenes | (10 Marks) |
| (b) Immanuel Kant | (10 Marks) |

QUESTION THREE

(a) Why was geography accorded the greatest prestige and financial support during the initial stages of its development? (4 Marks)

(b) Examine the contributions made by the geographical societies to development of geography as an academic discipline. (6 Marks)

(c) Clearly explain the relevance of university level geography. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Citing relevant examples, discuss the main ideas of Charles Darwin's Theory, showing how they have influenced the geographers' ways of thinking. (20 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

(a) Examine negative effects of Quantitative Revolution on geography. (10 Marks)

(b) Explain why geographers are better placed to handle environmental issues than other scientists. (10 Marks)