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HUMAN AND REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

[80 marks]

*Write your **Name and Identification Number** in the spaces provided at the top right-hand corner of this question paper.*

*Answer **four** questions in all, choosing at least **one** question from each section.*

All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION A
HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

Answer at least one question from this section.

1. (a) Account for the rapid population growth in the developing world.
(b) Identify **three** problems associated with the rapid population growth.
(c) Suggest any **four** possible remedies for these problems.
2. (a) Define the term *urban slum*.
(b) Using examples from cities in West Africa, describe any **four** factors that have contributed to the development of urban slums.
(c) State **four** ways in which a government can reduce urban slums.
3. (a) Write notes on any **two** classes of water transport.
(b) With reference to Nigeria, explain the advantages that will be derived from the improvement of a named water transport.

SECTION B
REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY OF CANDIDATES' HOME COUNTRY (NIGERIA)

Answer at least one question from this section.

4. (a) On a sketch map of Nigeria, show and name the
 - (i) Eastern railway;
 - (ii) Western railway.
 (b) Locate on the map the following railway towns:
 - (i) Enugu;
 - (ii) Jos;
 - (iii) Makurdi;
 - (iv) Kaduna;
 - (v) Ibadan.
 (c) State **one** important commodity from **each** of the towns mentioned in 4(b) above.
(d) Explain **two** problems facing railway transportation in Nigeria.
5. (a) Write notes on any **two** of the following agricultural practices in Nigeria:
 - (i) Transhumance;
 - (ii) Intensive farming;
 - (iii) Terrace farming.

- (b) On a sketch map of Nigeria, locate and name
- an area where **each** system of agriculture selected in (a) above is practised.
 - an important town in **each** area.
- (c) Outline **three** problems facing livestock farming in Nigeria.
6. Compare the Cross River Basin with the Sokoto Plains under the following headings:
- Climate
 - Resources
 - Problems of development.

SECTION C

GEOGRAPHY OF AFRICA

Answer at least one question from this section.

7. (a) On an outline map of Africa, show and name
- one** major river that crosses the equator twice;
 - one** area of inland drainage;
 - one** rift valley lake;
 - one** fold mountain range;
 - one** African Island in the Indian Ocean.
- (b) State, with examples, **four** ways in which the rivers of Africa have aided economic development in the continent.
8. Explain how the following factors affect rainfall distribution in Africa:
- Ocean currents
 - Distance from the sea
 - Winds.
9. (a) Draw an outline map of West Africa and on it, show and name
- one** broad area of high population density;
 - one** broad area of low population density;
 - one** town in each area.
- (b) Give **four** reasons for the high population density in the area shown in (a)(i) above.
- (c) Outline **four** ways by which the population density in the area shown in (a)(ii) can be increased.