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FIRST SEMETER END EXAMINTION – 2023/2024  
GYG 1106 – PRINCIPLES OF GEOGRAPHY

Time: 2 (Two) hours

The question paper consists of **two parts** and **seven (07)** questions.

Answer **four (04)** questions by selecting **one** question from Part I and **three** questions from Part II.

Two (02) outline maps of the world will be provided.

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**Part – I**

1. i) Define 'Albedo'. (05 Marks)
- ii) Explain why the tropical region receives relatively greater amounts of insolation than the other latitudinal regions of the Earth.

(10 Marks)

2. i) State the major components of an ecosystem with examples. (05 Marks)
- ii) Using suitable diagrams, explain the energy flow of an ecosystem.

(10 Marks)

**Part – II**

3. i) Define 'Human resources.' (05 Marks)
- ii) Discuss the impact of soft and hard skills on the enhancement of human resources in a country.

(10 Marks)



4. i) Briefly describe the impact of environmental factors in determining human skin colour.  
(05 Marks)
- ii) "It has been thirty years since apartheidism ended in South Africa, but it brings adverse impacts even today." Discuss this statement with appropriate examples.  
(10 Marks)
5. i) Briefly explain the term 'primary economic activities.'  
(05 Marks)
- ii) Examine the relationship between primary and secondary economic activities using appropriate examples.  
(10 Marks)
6. i) Briefly describe the fertility patterns in the present world.  
(05 Marks)
- ii) Explain the socio-economic factors that determine the fertility patterns you mentioned in the above 6 (i), citing suitable examples.  
(10 Marks)
7. i) Briefly describe the term 'Development'.  
(05 Marks)
- ii) Examine the causes of the development disparities in different countries in the world.  
(10 Marks)

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