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FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION ARTS

EGE 3100: HISTORY OF GEOGRAPHIC THOUGHT

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a. Explain the nature of geography. (4 marks)
- b. Briefly explain TWO traditions that guides the study of geography. (4 Marks)
- c. Distinguish between idiographic and nomothetic approaches of Geography. (4 Marks)
- d. Examine the contribution of the following scholars to the development of Geography:
 - i. Alexander Von Humboldt (4 marks)
 - ii. Ptolemy (4 marks)
 - iii. Eratosthenes (4 marks)
- e. Assess any THREE characteristics of the quantitative revolution in Geography. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (15MARKS)

- a) Examine the contribution of Immanuel Kant to the development of geographic knowledge and skills (6 Marks)
- b) Identify and write short notes on any THREE major themes in Geography. (9 Marks)

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QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

- a. Describe the following schools of thought:
 - i. Environmental determinism (4 Marks)
 - ii. Environmental possibilism (4 Marks)
- b. Using specific examples from Kenya, illustrate the applicability of environmental determinism. (7 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

- a. With reference to the evolution of geography as a discipline, assess the contribution of the following personalities:
 - i. Strabo (2 Marks)
 - ii. Karl Ritter (3 Marks)
- b. Explain the concept of Oikumene from the perception of the early Geographers. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

Examine the contributions of Darwin's work to the development of Geographic thought. (15 Marks)