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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF  
MASTER OF ARTS IN GEOGRAPHY**

**GEOG 822: URBAN GEOGRAPHY**

**STREAMS: MA (GEOG) P/T**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 14/04/2020**

**8.30 AM – 10.30 AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer any Three Questions**
- **Use sketch maps and diagrams whenever they serve to illustrate an answer**
- **Do not write on the question paper**

**Question One**

- (a) State the meaning of Urban Geography and urban place. [4 marks]
- (b) Describe the scope of Urban Geography. [6 marks]
- (c) Explain the role of an Urban Geographer in designing of a planned urban centre. [10 marks]

**Question Two**

- (a) There are three major factors contributing to the process of urbanization, identify and explain these factors. [12 marks]
- (b) State the current environmental issues brought about by urbanization. [8 marks]

**Question Three**

- (a) Explain the meaning of an urban slum. [4 marks]
- (b) Describe the characteristics of slum areas in developing countries. [4 marks]

- (c) Suggest approaches for combating challenges resulting from slum settlement. [12 marks]

**Question Four**

- (a) Describe the classification of an urban settlement. [10 marks]
- (b) State the economic functions of an urban settlement. [10 marks]

**Question Five**

- (a) Explain what urban morphology is and state its importance. [8 marks]
- (b) Discuss the models that have been advanced by urban geographers to analyse the morphology of urban centers. [12 marks]
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