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INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTION.**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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QUESTION 1

Jonathan Barker has argued that some of the key elements in the peasant-farming unit are land and labour. Discuss this view.

QUESTION 2

Critically analyze the relationship between peasant farming and other economic units such as small-scale commodity production, self-provisioning, wage employment, and capitalist farming.

QUESTION 3

To what extent does the Ranger article "Reflections on peasant research in Central and Southern Africa" classify a peasant with a slave?

QUESTION 4

What do Manning Nash's three economic organizations of the peasantry in Middle America mean about the life of a peasant?