# UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND PLANNING SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMNATION, JULY 2007

TITLE OF PAPER:

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

COURSE CODE:

**GEP 216** 

TIME ALLOWED:

**THREE HOURS** 

**INSTRUCTIONS:** 

ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION A AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM

SECTION B

MARKS ALLOCATED:

**QUESTION 1 CARRIES 40** 

MARKS. THE OTHER

**QUESTIONS CARRY 30 MARKS** 

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## **SECTION A**

# QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

a. Give an account of atmospheric motion. [15 marks]

b. Explain the various factors which influence highland climates. [10 marks]

c. Discuss the role of the greenhouse gases in climate change. [15 marks]

[40 marks]

## **SECTION B**

## **ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS**

#### **QUESTION 2**

Describe how climate affects the rate and processes of weathering in the humid and arid tropics. [30 marks]

## **QUESTION 3**

Describe the main categories of rocks and minerals comprising the earth's surface. [30 marks]

# **QUESTION 4**

With the aid of labeled diagrams, discuss the various extrusive and intrusive volcanic features. [30 marks]

#### **QUESTION 5**

Discuss the natural and human causes of mass wasting. [30 marks]