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TITLE OF PAPER : PHYSICAL RESOURCES

COURSE NUMBER : GEP 216

TIME ALLOWED : 3 hours

**INSTRUCTIONS : SECTION A IS COMPULSORY
ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS
FROM SECTION B
ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH
APPROPRIATE DIAGRAMS**

**MARKS ALLOCATED : QUESTION 1 CARRIES 40 MARKS
THE OTHER QUESTIONS CARRY
30 MARKS EACH**

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SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTION

QUESTION 1:

Discuss the following terms by using examples from the mining industry of Swaziland.

- a) Profitability (13 marks)
 - b) Economic growth (13 marks)
 - c) Environmental sustainability (14 marks)
- (40 marks)**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2:

Using examples, describe sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks that yield specific natural resources. (30 marks)

QUESTION 3:

- a) Using examples, identify lakes in East Africa that are characterized by an abnormally high salinity and alkalinity. (10 marks)
 - b) Explain why abnormally high salinity and alkalinity characterize some lakes in East Africa. (10 marks)
 - d) Discuss under which environmental conditions these lakes were formed. (10 marks)
- (30 marks)**

QUESTION 4:

- a) Discuss why global increase of temperatures is a risk for human beings (15 marks)
 - b) Explain why it is preferable to maintain the present climatic conditions. (15 marks)
- (30 Marks)**

QUESTION 5:

- a) Discuss what is understood by the term 'Banded Iron Formation' (10 marks)
 - b) Explain why and when this rock type was deposited during geological history. Give examples from Swaziland. (20 marks)
- (30 Marks)**