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**SETTLEMENT GEOGRAPHY**

**NGE1201**

**Final Examination Paper**

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This examination paper consists of 2 pages

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Answer any **FOUR** questions
2. Each question carries 25 marks.
3. Credit will be given to answers that are clear, illustrated, concise, and grammatically well-constructed.

1. a. Explain the concept of settlement geography. [5]  
b. List and explain the types of settlement patterns. [10]  
c. Examine the factors that influence the development of human settlement. [10]
2. a. Explain the role of technology in shaping settlements. [10]  
b. Discuss how advancements in technology have changed urban development. [15]
3. Critically assess the role of rural-urban linkages in the development of settlements. [25]
4. “The exact form taken by any settlement or pattern of settlements depends on environmental and cultural factors and the level of technology.” (Knapp, B.1992:440)  
Elucidate. [25]
5. Discuss the relevance of Central Place Theory in understanding the distribution of settlements in rural and urban areas. [25]
6. Analyse the challenges faced by informal settlements in rapidly urbanizing cities. [25]

**THE END**