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**SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR SECOND SEMESTER FOR**  
**BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**  
**AGE 302: GEOGRAPHY OF AFRICA**

**DATE:**

**TIME:**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Answer question one and any other two questions
2. Do not write anything on this question paper
3. Do not write in the page margins of the answer booklet
4. Begin each question answer on a new page
5. Sketch maps and diagrams can be used to illustrate your answer whenever possible

**QUESTION ONE**

- a) Describe the size and position of Africa in the world. (4marks)
- b) Describe the drainage systems of Africa (4marks)
- c) Examine the characteristics of nomadic pastoralism in Africa (6marks)
- d) Assess the causes of annual temperature variations in Africa (6marks)
- e) Examine three socio-economic factors that influence the distribution of agriculture in Africa. (6marks)
- f) Give a critic of continental drift theory. (4marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

- a) Explain any three factors that control vegetation distribution in Africa. (10marks)
- b) Describe the characteristics of savanna grassland of Africa. (10 marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

- a) Differentiate between aridity and desertification. (6marks)
- b) Describe the main causes of desertification in Africa. (14marks)

#### **QUESTION FOUR**

Examine the major problems associated with food shortage in Africa. (20marks)

#### **QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Explain the challenges facing Africa in view of emerging international trading blocks. (10marks)
- b) Examine reasons why adequate and efficient transport and communication is important in Africa's development process. (10marks)