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**Time:** 3 hours

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- Instructions:
- 1) Answer **FOUR (4)** questions only.
  - 2) Address the questions directly. You will lose marks if you write off-topic.
  - 3) Start the answer to each question on a new page.
  - 4) All questions carry equal marks.
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### **Question One**

Discuss the work/writings of at least one geographer you have studied highlighting his or her contributions to the development of Geography.

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### **Question Two**

Feminist Geographies have evolved from an initial focus on the 'Geography of Women' to 'Socialist Feminist Geography' and then to Feminist Geographies of Difference'.

What are the different trends which have informed Feminist Geographies from the 1960s onwards?

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### **Question Three**

The beginnings of a quantitative revolution in human geography, and the rise of geography as a spatial science started in the mid – 1950's.

Discuss the reasons giving rise to the quantitative revolution. Explain the major characteristics that have ensured that spatial science still remains a major field in Geography.

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### **Question Four**

The work of geographers needs to be applied and relevant to the solution of social and environmental problems.

To what extent have geographers succeeded in this regard since the late 1960s? What role can South African Geographers play in addressing the social and environmental problems facing the country in the twenty-first century?

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### Question Five

Read the following paragraph: "The holistic conception of relations and dynamics in Marxist thought has also lent itself to work on one of the oldest concerns in geography – human-environment relations. Marxist work ... thus includes work on the relationships between society and nature" (Johnston and Sidaway, 2004:244).

- 1) Explain the changing emphasis that have characterized 'Radical' Geographies since the late 1960's. (12)
  - 2) Explain the impact 'Radical' Geographies have on the content and methods of research in Environmental Studies. (13)
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