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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2012/2013 SESSION

COURSE CODE: GRY228

COURSE TITLE: GEOGRAPHIC THOUGHT AND METHODS

INSTRUCTION: Answer any four questions

TIME: 2HOURS

1. (a) List and explain the stages of scientific investigation
(b) With clear illustrations, what role does theory play in Geography?
2. Outline and explain the contemporary philosophical explanations and their relevance in geographical studies
3. Mention and explain with suitable illustrations the basic questions that Geographers ask and attempt to answer.
4. Give a detailed account of geographical methods that were applied during the first 50 years of the 1900s. Compare these to William Patterson's Academic Traditions in 1964.
5. Discuss the contributions of the following to the development of Geography.
 - (a) Claudius Ptolemy
 - (b) Eratosthenes
6. (a) List and explain the factors that influenced Geographic Thought during the period of western Christendom
(b) What are the major factors that influenced the standard of Muslim Geography of the medieval era?