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2005/2006 HARMATTAN SEMESTER EXAMINATION

201: GEOGRAPHICAL THOUGHTS AND THEORIES

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND ANY OTHER 2

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

1. Critically examine the contributions of the following to the Development of Geography.

- (i) Eratosthene
- (ii) Alexander Von Humboldt *Humboldt* ✓
- (iii) Carl Ritter ✓ *empirical and comparative methodology*
- (iv) Vidal - de la-Blache ✓
- (v) Friedrich Ratzel

2. Discuss the main forces that have modified geographic thoughts and methods in the World over the past few centuries.

3. Explain the following and appraise their roles in contemporary geographic research.

- (i) Hypothesis -
- (ii) Laws -
- (iii) Theory -
- (iv) Model -

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4. Discuss the development of Geography in Nigeria and review the various ways in which Nigerian Geography has been made relevant to the needs of the society.

5. Examine the nature and scope of geography as a Spatial Science.

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