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B.A. EXAMINATION

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Time allowed: 1.5 hours

Use a separate answer book for this Section

Answer two questions

1. "Behavioural scientists view factory location in terms of the preferences of decision-makers" (Hayter, 1997). Discuss.
2. Assess the validity of the following statement: "Central place theory has become progressively weakened by the changing geography of consumer demand and of retail locational strategies" (Marshall and Wood, 1995).
3. Industrial clusters have received special attention in regional development policy in several countries in recent years. Discuss with reference to two European examples.
4. With reference to any one major industrial sector, illustrate the role that transnational companies may play in the international organisation of industry.
5. Discuss critically the following statement: "Ireland provides an excellent example of the influence that government may exert on industrial development".