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Time allowed: 1.5 hours

Use a separate answer book for this Paper

Answer two questions

1. Either

(a) Discuss critically the statement that "neoclassical location theory is a form of economic determinism in which economic forces 'dictate' the location of factories".

Or

(b) Review, with illustrative examples, the key stages in decision-making relating to the location of factories, as presented by Hayter (1997).

2. "A new geography of retailing has emerged since the 1960s" (Marshall and Wood, 1995). Discuss.
3. Scott (1992) has identified three key features of industrial districts as being: (a) geographical concentrations of activities; (b) populations of small and medium-sized firms linked in various ways; and (c) appropriately skilled and accessible labour pools. Discuss, with reference to any one district.
4. Trace the process of globalisation as reflected in the Japanese motor vehicle industry.
5. Irish industrial policy from the late 1960s to the 1980s was viewed as having major weaknesses. What were these weaknesses and how were they addressed?