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Time allowed: 3 hours

Answer **four** questions

1. The emergence of Rural Geography as a specialist area of study since the 1960s has involved both an expansion of the remits of study and changes of approach. Discuss critically.
2. "The precise nature of counterurbanisation has been a source of considerable debate" (Lewis, 1998). Discuss with reference to counterurbanisation patterns and the underlying causative factors in the context of developed economies.
3. Either
 - (a) What did Grist (1999) have in mind when she stated that "the development plan is the basic policy document of the planning authority"?

Or

 - (b) The evolution of service provision in rural Ireland over the past three decades has been one of progressive centralisation. Discuss the outcomes with particular reference to the implications for the residents of peripheral areas.
4. Assess the implications of restructuring since the early 1990s for Irish agriculture having particular regard to the extent to which a transition has occurred from productivism to postproductivism.
5. There is a considerable volume of evidence available which points to SMEs having specific roles in employment generation in rural areas. Discuss, illustrating your answer with pertinent examples.
6. Gillmor (1993, 1998) refers to an "upsurge in private afforestation" in Ireland. Review the evidence in this regard and the underlying contributing factors.
7. Either
 - (a) Considerable attention has been given to the natural and the cultural environments in the promotion of Irish tourism. Discuss critically.

Or

 - (b) How true is it to say that heritage is 'constructed'?
8. Irish rural development policies during the past decade reveal that policy makers accept that 'geography matters'. Assess the evidence in this regard.