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TA309/TA359 - Geography A

TA309/TA359 - The Quaternary Era

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Time allowed: 1.5 hours

Use a separate answer-book for this Section

Answer two questions

1. 'The processes that operate in the periglacial environment and the features associated with that environment are particularly distinctive'. Discuss.
2. The Astronomical Theory is a useful starting point in helping us to understand the causes of climatic change'. Explain what you understand by this statement.
3. Give a critical assessment of the main theories associated with the development of Quaternary studies.
4. Critically evaluate two dating methods that help the geographer to interpret events of the Quaternary.
5. 'Even though Quaternary studies is a relatively new area of research, major developments over the past 50 years have contributed significantly to our understanding of this era'. Discuss.