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THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2000

**Master's Degree /Diploma in Rural Development
First Year Examination**

**SECOND PAPER (EC540)
GEOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON DEVELOPMENT
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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Time allowed: THREE hours.

**FOUR questions to be answered. TWO from Section A and TWO from Section B.
Use separate answer books for each question.**

**SECTION A: GEOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON
DEVELOPMENT**

1. Either
 - (a) A geographical perspective on rural development is essential in the case of Ireland. Discuss.

OR

 - (b) A weakness in Irish rural studies is the interchangeable use of 'agriculture' with 'rural' leading to a one-dimensional approach to development. Outline briefly what you understand by this statement.
2. Either
 - (a) Examine critically recent attempts by some scholars to extend our understanding of the development process beyond narrow economic perspectives.

Or

(b) Examine the relevance of the European Union's agenda for the Information Society for regional and rural development in Ireland.

3. Either

(a) "There are elements of continuity and change in the geographical patterns of population change in the Republic of Ireland since the early 1980's". Discuss.

Or

(b) With reference to trends since the 1970's, assess the validity of the statement that "Migration is a multifaceted phenomenon in Ireland".

SECTION B: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4. Critically evaluate the view that community development can be best understood in the context of populist ideas on development.
5. Relations between community groups and the state in the Irish Republic can be reduced to 'conflict' and 'consensus' approaches. Discuss.
6. Outline Muintir na Tire's community council model and discuss the issues raised by the attempts to put this model into practice.