tlen Polytechnic University Summer 2020 GEOG 1101: Human Geography Term Paper 1 Marks = 50 THE TERM PAPER IS DUE BY 11:59 PM ON 13 JULY 2020 Purpose The purpose of the assignment is to; • get you to become familiar with geographical concepts, • develop essay writing skills, and • develop research techniques for geographical analyses. A Comparative Geographical Analysis of Two Communities This is an individual and independent research to measure your understanding of the subject matter of this course. You must write a research essay on the comparative geography of two communities (sub areas) within a Metro Vancouver city of your choice. Your essay should answer which is the better of the two to settle in and raise a new family in the next 10 years. Your research essay should cover at least three elements from the following list to secure maximum marks: • Physical geography • Population characteristics • Social and cultural patterns • Urban and settlement patterns • Transportation and communication patterns • Main economic sectors Elements of a research essay Research essays have several key elements. They include: 1. Research Topic – it must have at least a single objective to be investigated in a scientific manner 2. Data and datasets– these are the collected facts that allow examination to realize the objective, and can be primary (e.g. field collection), secondary or tertiary 3. Graphics – these include maps, charts and tables, and are important means of • summarizing the data, and • displaying patterns within datasets, both spatial and attribute