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FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

BLS 703: THEORIES AND CONCEPTS OF DEVELOPMENT

DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer any four questions.
2. Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.
3. You are not allowed to write on this examination question paper.

QUESTION ONE (25 MARKS)

- a) Reflecting on Amartya Sen's emphasis on objectives of development, discuss three core values of development and indicate whether they are still applicable in the contemporary society.
(10marks)
- b) Critically analyse five silent features of under-development in the developing countries and as a development expert, suggest some of the 21st development policies that can be used to address them.
(10marks)
- c) Differentiate between Economic growth and Economic development. (5marks)

QUESTION TWO (25 MARKS)

- a) Discuss five stages of development according to W. W. Rostov. (10marks)
- b) Gin coefficient is a typical measure of income inequality. Using your macroeconomic knowledge in development, critically analyse five consequences of inequality from Gin coefficient perspective. (10marks)
- c) Identify five underlying values of MDGs to development in the developing countries. (5marks)

QUESTION THREE (25 MARKS)

- a) You have been appointed the chief executive officer by new Kenyan Regime to advice on the implementation of Bottom up development approach. Explain five strategies through which grassroots development can be fostered in Kenya. (10marks)
- b) With clear illustrations using Kotler's 8 steps of change management, demonstrate how you can address major forces of change in development. (10marks)
- c) Identify five main assumptions of dependency theory. (5marks)

QUESTION FOUR (25 MARKS)

- a) Explain five ways in which contemporary environmental continuity affects development in developing countries. (10marks)
- b) The 1970's and 1980's saw the emergence of NGOs, Advocacy groups and CBO's. In view of this statement, discuss the benefits of NDO's to development in Africa. (10marks)
- c) Outline three factors that can be used to control human population that can exceed the Earth's carrying capacity as observed by Malthusian's theory. (5marks)

QUESTION FIVE (25 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the reasons for population change as observed in Demographic Transition theory. (10marks)
- b) Critically analyse five main indications that measure economic development. (10marks)

- c) Globalization is an established part of the modern world; it has created open borders. In view of this statement, identify five benefits of globalization to the developing economies like Kenya. (5 marks)