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MAIN EXAMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

MDS 510: URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Duration: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer ANY FOUR Questions

- Q1. "Africa has amongst the highest rate of urbanization but the lowest level of development in the world" Critically evaluate this statement showing;
- a) Major causes of rapid urban growth in Africa.
 - b) Failure of urbanization to spur development in Africa. **(25 marks)**
- Q2. Critically evaluate the following theories and show their explanatory power for urbanization processes in Africa;
- a) Urban bias theory
 - b) Dependency theory
Use illustrations. **(25 marks)**
- Q3. "For the majority of migrants, moving to cities translates into a situation of jumping from the frying pan to the fire" Critically evaluate this statement in terms of;
- a) Disadvantages and advantages of rural-urban migration for migrants

b) Social urban decay
Use suitable illustrations. **(25 marks)**

Q4. Using an African country of your choice to illustrate your answer, critically comment on the correlation between poor urban planning and management and the phenomenon of urban environmental problems. Provide two practical solutions as to how this can be remedied. **(25 marks)**

Q5. Demonstrate your understanding of the term “sustainable urban development” Critically evaluate this with reference to its applicability to urban development in an African country or city of your choice. Illustrate your answer adequately. **(25 marks)**

Q6. “With all its challenges the informal sector is one of the most admirable developments in cities of underdeveloped countries” Critically examine this statement paying particular attention to:

a) The role of informal sector in development in these cities.

b) The main challenges posed to the management of cities by the development of the informal sector in these cities.

c) The failure of governance in harnessing the informal sector. **(25 marks)**

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