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MAIN EXAMINATION

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REGULAR PROGRAMME

SDS 416: URBANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO Questions

- Q1. a) What is the meaning of urban primacy in third world countries? **(6 marks)**
- b) Compare the processes of urbanization in Third World countries and those of first world many years earlier. **(6 marks)**
- c) Elaborate on TWO physical growth theories that have been used to explain the growth of urban areas. **(6 marks)**
- d) Explain why major cities in poor countries are seen to be “parasitic” **(6 marks)**
- e) In what way is the theory of Christaller merely an elaboration of that of Max Weber on the origin of cities? **(6 marks)**
- Q2. It has been generally accepted that devolution processes, which has recently become popular in developing countries, influence the growth of urban areas. Illustrate with examples whether this statement holds any water. **(20 marks)**
- Q3. a) What are the arguments to be raised in favour of cities in terms of the advantages enjoyed by population there? **(10 marks)**

b) What are the push factors in relation to migration and which ages in the population does it affect and why? **(10 marks)**

Q4. Write an essay on the reasons behind or causes of informal settlements in urban areas of Third World countries. **(20 marks)**

Q5. a) Discuss the reasons for and the economic consequences of traffic congestion in poor countries. **(10 marks)**

b) What are the realities that specifically portray urban poverty? **(10 marks)**

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