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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

MDS 510: URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Date: APRIL 2014

Duration: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer FOUR Questions

- Q1. Critically examine the role of urbanization in development. With the use of relevant examples, theoretically and empirically show why this role is not apparent in the development process in less developed countries.
- Q2. Demonstrate your understanding of the term “urban decay”. Using a city of your choice, outline:
- Developmental impacts of urban decay.
 - Failure of governance in the development of urban decay.
 - Suggest practical solutions.
- Q3. “The informal sector was a spontaneous development mainly in cities where governments failed to harness it for developmental purposes”. Discuss using suitable illustrations.
- Q4. Poverty remains an overriding theme in the developmental discourses of developing countries. Examine:
- Urban poverty as differentiated from rural poverty.

- b) Its effects on the urbanization process and on development. Use a country of your choice to adequately illustrate your answer.
- Q5. Critically examine the role of rural-urban migration in the urbanization process. What does the term “rural - urban” linkages refer to? Outline the pros and cons of such linkages. Illustrate adequately.
- Q6. Critically evaluate the statement that “the failure of urbanization in Africa is due to poor planning, policies and politics”. To what extent will the new Kenyan constitution be able to correct these? Use illustrations.

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