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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

SSO 401: SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

Date: APRIL 2018

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. a) Define and discuss the concept “development” and the dimensions of development. Your discussion should clearly demonstrate why “development” is a problematic, value laden term for the so called “developing” or “Third World” countries. **(15 Marks)**
- b) With examples, account for how the histories of imperialism and neo-imperialism have impacted on the Development of “Third World” countries. **(15 marks)**
- Q2. “Africa is poor because the Western World is rich” Critically assess the validity of this statement specifically drawing from any theory/theories covered in the course. Use well illustrated examples to support your answer. **(20 marks)**
- Q3. “Globalization is a tactful way of ensuring that rich countries continue being richer while poor countries continue being poorer.” Drawing from your knowledge on globalization and the work of Multinational Corporations defend the validity of this statement with concrete examples. **(20 Marks)**
- Q4. “Structural adjustment policies proved not to be the “quick fix” that its advocates had hoped it would be.” With examples, discuss this statement while outlining the official claims and actual experiences of developing countries with SAPs. **(20 Marks)**

- Q5. a) Briefly discuss the concept of Sustainable Development while showing how Amartya Sen's 1980's "Capabilities Approach" is a useful paradigm for re-conceptualizing and achieving sustainability. **(8 Marks)**
- b) In light of Africa's social, cultural, political and environmental challenges, what would you suggest as alternative approaches to realizing sustainable development in Africa. **(12 Marks)**

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