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END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

BDP 4204: COMPARATIVE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: Monday, 9th March 2020

Time: 10:30 – 12:30

Instructions

1. This examination consists of **FIVE** questions.
2. Answer **Question ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 marks)

- a) Development is a multi-dimensional term used to define progress in various aspects of economic, political and social life. Explain the following ways in which ‘development’ is defined:
 - i. Development as poverty reduction (3 marks)
 - ii. Development as social welfare (3 marks)
 - iii. Development as modernization (3 marks)
- b) Amartya Sen articulated the concept of ‘Development as freedom.’ Briefly describe this concept (3 marks)
- c) With the use of relevant examples, describe two similarities and two differences between countries in any ONE of the following regions: Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Central Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia (12 marks)
- d) Internal barriers and external barriers of development create challenges to the successful implementation of development interventions. Outline three external barriers of development (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (15 marks)

- a) The concept of sustainable development was advanced by the ‘Brundtland Commission’ in 1987. Discuss the three pillars of sustainable development (9 marks)
- b) Briefly describe the three indicators used in the computation of the Human Development Index (HDI) (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (15 marks)

- a) With the use of relevant examples, explain the classification/categorization of countries by the UNDP (5 marks)
- b) There are two general approaches to development: short-term and long-term. Discuss these two approaches, with the use of relevant examples of development interventions in each approach (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 marks)

- a) Explain the rationale of using the PPP (Purchasing Power Parity) measure of GNI/capita (3 marks)
- b) Elaborate on the common goals of Kenya's Big Four Agenda, the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the Global Sustainable Development Goals (12 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (15 marks)

- a) The Washington Consensus refers to a set of free-market economic policies supported by financial institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank (WB). Briefly describe three policies articulated in the Washington Consensus. (6 marks)
- b) With the use of relevant examples, explain the classification/categorization of countries by the World Bank (9 marks)