



**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
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END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
BDP 4203: EMERGING ISSUES IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

DATE: 14th March 2025

Time: 11:00_13:00

Instructions

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

QUESTION ONE: (30 MARKS)

a) Chapter 5 of the 2019 ‘Global Sustainable Development Report of the UN (GSDR) details the ‘*Identification of Emerging Issues for Sustainable Development.*’

Using examples from the African context, explain the following criteria.

- i. Persistence (5 marks)
- ii. Potential for mobilization (5 marks)
- ii. Priority (5 marks)

b) Discuss any two emerging issues in the achievement of the following SDGs in Sub-Saharan Africa:

- i. SDG 1: No poverty (5 marks)
- ii. SDG 2: Zero hunger (5 marks)
- iii. SDG 3: Good health and well-being (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO: (15 MARKS)

Article 8 of the ‘Declaration on the Right to Development’ declares that ‘*States should undertake, at the national level, all necessary measures for the realization of the right to development and shall ensure, inter alia, equality of opportunity for all in their access to basic resources, education, health services, food, housing, employment and the fair distribution of income.*’

Discuss the emerging issues in the realization of the right to development in Kenya in the following areas:

- a) Equality of opportunity (5 marks)
- b) Education (5 marks)
- c) Health services (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE: (15 MARKS)

Sessional Paper No. 10 of 1965 on African Socialism and its Application to Planning in Kenya and served as a development blueprint for post-independence Kenya.

Briefly discuss the development plans in the following areas as outlined in the Sessional Paper and the emerging issues pertaining to them:

- a) Agriculture and land tenure (5 marks)
- b) Conservation of natural resources (5 marks)

c) Industry, commerce and tourism (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR: (15 MARKS)

- a) In January 2025, American President Donald Trump signed an Executive Order to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Discuss any three global economic, social and/or environmental implications of this withdrawal (9 marks)
- b) Briefly explain the relationship between governance and development (6 marks)

QUESTION FIVE: (15 MARKS)

Using examples from any global region, discuss the following emerging issues based on the concept of 'path dependence.'

- a) Resource-based conflict (5 marks)
- b) Ethnic-based conflict (5 marks)
- c) Foreign-aid dependency (5 marks)