



SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
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BDP 4203: EMERGING ISSUES IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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Time: 13:00 – 15:00

Instructions

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

QUESTION ONE (30 Marks)

The following is an excerpt from a speech delivered by Akinwumi A. Adesina, President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) at the International Conference on the Emergence of Africa, Abidjan, March 28, 2017

“Agriculture is the future of Africa. The continent has no business importing food. Africa should be a global powerhouse in food and agriculture. And for good reason: the future of food globally depends on what Africa does with agriculture. With some 65% of all the available uncultivated arable land to feed the world by 2050, all eyes must be on Africa's agriculture. However, the approach to agriculture must totally change. The sector must be driven as a business, with accelerated productivity growth, massive investments in development of agricultural value chains for agro-industrialization. We must modernize agriculture to make it very attractive for the youth. The future millionaires and billionaires of Africa should come out of agriculture.

There's good reason why this must be done quickly: Africa spends \$35 billion annually importing food, an amount that's projected to grow to \$110 billion by 2025, if the current trend continues. By so doing Africa is exporting jobs, decimating its rural areas with swathes of poverty, and spending hard earned foreign exchange importing what it should be producing in abundance.”

a) Identify ANY three emerging issues in the text above and relate them to the achievement of a specific SDG (15 marks)

b) 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. Probability of occurrence (5 marks)
- ii. Impact/extent of potential damage (5 marks)
- iii. Irreversibility (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (15 marks)

SDG 10 aims at the reduction of inequalities between and within countries.

- a) Discuss three factors that contribute to inequalities between developed and developing countries (9 marks)
- b) Discuss two measures that can be taken to reduce inequalities between developed and developing countries (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (15 marks)

Intra-African trade accounts for less than 15% of exports from Africa.

- a) Discuss three reasons for the low levels for intra-African trade (9 marks)
- b) Identify two measures that can be implemented to facilitate intra-African trade (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 marks)

- a) Identify ANY two emerging issues in Kenya that relate to SDG 1: No Poverty (6 marks)
- b) Identify ANY one emerging issue in Kenya that relates to SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions (3 marks)
- c) Using an example to illustrate, define the term 'Ubiquity' as it relates to emerging issues (6 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (15 marks)

- a) The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) was established in 2003 to stop the production and trade of conflict diamonds.

Discuss ANY two challenges that continue to be experienced in mineral extraction and trade in Africa (6 marks)

- b) Africa has a young demographic composition, with an estimated 40% of its population below 15 years.
 - i. Discuss ANY two development benefits of having a young demographic (6 marks)
 - ii. Discuss ANY one development challenge of having a young demographic (3 marks)