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BCOM E4045 – Development Economics

No. of questions: Five (05)

Time: 03 hours

Answer any four (04) questions.

Question No. 01

- a). Define what development economics is and briefly explain its importance.
(05 Marks)
 - b). Explain how women can contribute to the development of a country.
(08 Marks)
 - c). “The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.” Discuss this statement explaining how they address the global challenges.
(12 Marks)
- (Total 25 Marks)**

Question No. 02

- a). Define ‘poverty’ and explain the world current status of it.
(05 Marks)
 - b). Explain the concepts of absolute poverty and relative poverty.
(08 Marks)
 - c). ‘International-Dependence Revolution’ and ‘Neoclassical Counterrevolution: Market Fundamentalism’ are well known classical theories of growth and development. Discuss how these two approaches are different.
(12 Marks)
- (Total 25 Marks)**

Question No. 03

- a). Briefly explain the structure of the world population.
(05 Marks)
 - b). Explain major issues related to the population growth in developing countries.
(08 Marks)
 - c). "Population growth is not a real problem" Discuss with your comments for this statement.
(12 Marks)
- (Total 25 Marks)**

Question No. 04

- a). Briefly explain the concepts of immigration and urbanization.
(05 Marks)
 - b). Why should people be more urbanized? Comment.
(08 Marks)
 - c). "As a development pattern, the economy has become more urbanized as it develops"
Discuss this statement by highlighting urbanization trends and living conditions.
(12 Marks)
- (Total 25 Marks)**

Question No. 05

- a). Explain what industrial revolution is.
(05 Marks)
 - b). What is Rostow's development stages? Explain briefly.
(08 Marks)
 - c). "Health and education are investments made on an individual basis" Discuss the importance of Health and Education to the development.
(12 Marks)
- (Total 25 Marks)**