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INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS.
ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

1. Some theorists have suggested that cities in the developing world will follow the same path of development as the western urban experience. Do you agree with this view? Discuss this position with reference to theoretical interpretations of urbanisation in the developing world. (100)
2. Briefly discuss the challenges associated with the gender dynamics that shape rural-urban migration. In your response critically assess the different policy measures adopted to limit and even reverse migration flows, referring to examples. (100)
3. Discuss the key differences between the formal and informal sectors as proposed by leading scholars in the field, and assess the nature of the interaction between these sectors, referring to examples. (100)
4. Some have condemned the housing and social conditions of the urban poor as “slums of despair”, while others have referred to them as “slums of hope”. Critically assess these competing contentions, referring to specific examples. (100)
5. Crime and violence do not happen spontaneously. Inadequate urban environments that exclude some members of society from the benefits of urbanization and participation in decision-making and development encourage crime. Critically assess this statement, referring to examples. (100)

6. Cities concentrate poverty but, for many, they are the best hope of escaping it. Unfortunately, there is a tendency to plan against, rather than for, low-income urban residents. Critically assess this statement with reference to the impacts of neoliberal structural adjustment programmes in particular. (100)

7. When analysing the environmental challenges of the cities in the South the emphasis should not be only on the environmental resources *per se*, but increasingly on those societal conditions that determine how these resources are distributed and used. Do you agree with this view? Discuss this argument with reference to examples. (100)

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1. Does urbanization in the underdeveloped nations mirror the experience of the industrialised nations? Discuss this question with reference to theoretical interpretations of urbanisation in the developing world. (100)

2. Do you agree with the view that rural-urban migration is a human response to the geography of uneven development? Discuss this argument with reference to the factors influencing rural-urban migration in the developing world. (100)

3. African urbanisation is a poverty-driven process (and not the industrialisation-induced socio-economic transition it represented in the world's other major regions). Do you agree with this view? Discuss with reference to examples. (100)

4. Do you agree with the view that the informal sector is not a temporary or transitional phenomenon? Discuss this contention with reference to examples. (100)

5. Scholars such as J. Turner and W. Mangin in the 1970's viewed the squatter settlements as a solution to the lack of cheap housing available to the urban poor. Do you agree with this view? Discuss with reference to a critical assessment of the various housing options available for the urban poor. (100)

6. Without a deliberate effort to address crime, violence and lawlessness, the prospects of future development and of poverty reduction in Southern cities are limited. Discuss this argument with reference to examples. (100)

7. Most cities in the South suffer the double curse of their own poverty plus some very wasteful particular practices of consumption by elites to mimicking Northern realities. Critically assess this statement with reference to the environmental challenges facing cities in the developing cities. (100)