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Department of Development Studies  
Development Economics  
End of Semester Two Final Assessment

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May /2016

9:30am-12:30pm

**Instructions**

1. Please read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.
  2. Read each question carefully and write legibly
  3. Do not write anything on this question paper
  4. Answer **THREE** questions only
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1. a) What is the scope of "Development Economics" as a discipline? (8 marks)  
b) Explain the difference between economic growth and economic development. (10 marks)  
c) Why is the study of development economics important to developing countries? (15 marks)
  2. a) Discuss the assumptions and propositions of any **TWO** theories of development economics. (20 marks)  
  
b) With reference to any African country of your choice, show how any of the theories in 2 a) above account for underdevelopment. (13 marks)
  3. a) Explain the stages of demographic transition. (14 marks)  
b) What advantages and disadvantages do high population growth rates pose to economic development in Africa? (19 marks)
  4. a) Explain the major indicators of poverty in Africa. (14 marks)  
b) What strategies should African countries use to overcome the problem of poverty? (19 marks)
  5. Write brief notes ~~(20 marks)~~ on the following.
    - a) Lorenz Curve. (7 marks)
    - b) Gini coefficient. (7 marks)
    - c) Human Capital Formation. (7 marks)
    - d) Relative Poverty. (6 marks)
    - e) Absolute Poverty. (6 marks)
  6. a) Explain the factors that lead to Rural Urban Migration. (19 marks)  
b) Assess the negative consequences of Rural Urban Migration using relevant examples. (14 marks)