

**UGANDA MARTYRS UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY OF SCIENCE**  
**BSC III FINAL ASSESSMENT**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, POLICY & PLANNING**  
**Date: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2006**  
**Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- *Read the question paper carefully.*
  - *Answer only **FOUR (4)** questions.*
  - *All questions carry equal marks.*
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1. (a) Briefly explain the following concepts:
  - i) Economic Development. (3.marks)
  - ii) Economic Policy (3 marks)
  - iii) Economic Planning (3 marks)
  - iv).Balanced Growth and unbalanced growth Strategies (4 marks)
  - v) Poverty Income Line and Chronic Poverty (3 marks)
  - vi) Lorenz Curve and Gini Coefficient (5 marks)
- (b) Describe the doctrine of sustainable development and its core elements according to Brundtland Commission (1987) (4 marks)
2. (a) Briefly explain the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and discuss the challenges faced by developing countries as they strive to achieve them. (15 marks)
- (b) Explain the composite social development index (CSDI) method of measuring Economic development, and mention its weaknesses. (10 marks)
3. (a).According to Harrod-Domar growth modal, “the rate of growth (g) of GDP is determined jointly by the National Savings ratio (s) and the National Capital Output ratio (k)”. Show how this conclusion is arrived at and assess the applicability of this model to the development process in LDCs. (15 marks)
- (b) What do you consider to be the main problems currently hindering both domestic savings mobilization and capital formation in developing countries? (10 marks)
4. (a) Describe the Head Count Index and Food Share methods of measuring the magnitude of poverty in an economy. (8 marks)
- (b) Account for the persistent high poverty levels in developing countries despite the continued adoption and implementation of a wide range of poverty reducing strategies amidst potential natural resource endowments in their economies. (10 marks)
- (c).What policy measures are being used in developing countries to reduce poverty problem? (7 marks)

- 5.** (a) Explain the characteristic of a good policy according to the Regulatory Best Practices (RBP).of policy analysis. (10 marks)
- (b) Examine the common causes of policy failure in Sub-Saharan Africa. (15 marks)
- 6.** (a) Distinguish between planning in a command economy and planning in a market economy. (5 marks)
- (b) What are the arguments for economic planning in the development process of your country? (10 marks)
- (c) Explain the causes of a crisis in planning process in developing countries. (10 marks)

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