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QUESTION 1

Discuss the concept of sustainable development. Then, discuss pollution as a problem affecting sustainable development.

(50)

Required reading for Question 1

- Study guide, study unit 2

QUESTION 2

Examine the different views on human rights in relation to the socio-economic development of the Global South.

(50)

Required reading for Question 2

- Study guide, study unit 4

QUESTION 3

"Development is a difficult concept to define." Critically discuss this statement by focusing on the definition of development in relation to the following:

- Economic growth
- Modernisation
- Dependency
- Human well-being
- Positive change in a democracy

(50)

Required reading for Question 3

- Study guide, study unit 1

QUESTION 4

"The world's wealth and power are concentrated only in 20% of the earth's surface, while the rest is engulfed in poverty and inequality" (Du Plessis & Zulu, 2018: 71). Critically discuss this statement by:

- defining and differentiating between poverty and inequality
- explaining how poverty and inequality are measured
- providing examples to substantiate your discussion of the two concepts

(50)

Required reading for Question 4

- Study guide, study unit 5

(100 marks)

Annexure A: HONESTY DECLARATION: 2021

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