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Development Studies (University of South Africa)



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**Section A** consists of **THREE (3)** essay questions. Answer any **ONE (1)** essay question. Your essay must:

- be a minimum of 1000 words and a maximum of 1500 words excluding the cover page
- have an Introduction, a body with applicable sub-headings, and a conclusion
- provide examples to substantiate your arguments, and to show that you understand the module content
- provide evidence-based arguments and acknowledge sources of your information by means of consistent and correct in-text referencing

**Section B** consists of **FOUR (4)** short-answer questions. Answer **ALL FOUR (4)** questions. Your answers in this section must provide:

- a brief discussion of at least two to three paragraphs, no longer than three-quarter (3/4) of a page
- examples to substantiate your arguments, and to show that you understand the module content
- evidence-based arguments and acknowledge sources of your information by means of consistent and correct referencing

Use Arial 12 point font, 1.5 spacing in both sections (A&B). Your answers to both questions must be submitted as a single document in PDF format. Please **DO NOT** upload your answers separately.

Create a cover page with the following information:

- Your full name
- Your student number
- The module code
- The module name
- List the essay question that you answered (for example, Question 2)
- The date of the exam

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## **SECTION A: ESSAY-TYPE QUESTIONS**

Answer **any ONE** (1) of the following essay questions

### **QUESTION 1**

Explain the meaning of sustainable development. Then, identify and discuss **any three** problems affecting sustainable development.

(50 marks)

**Required reading for Question 1**

- Study guide, learning unit 4

### **QUESTION 2**

Define and explain the concept of 'basic needs', and briefly outline its link to development. Then, discuss some of the challenges in securing the basic needs of food, water/sanitation, literacy, and work/employment. Use practical examples from the current South African context to support your answers.

(50 marks)

**Required reading for Question 2**

- Study guide, learning unit 5

### **QUESTION 3**

Colonialism has played an important role in shaping the history of Africa. In the context of this statement, critically

- discuss the history of colonisation in Africa
- explain the negative impacts of colonisation by referring to dependency theory and decolonial theory

(50 marks)

**Required reading for Question 3**

- Study guide, learning units 1 & 3

## **SECTION B: SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS**

**Answer ALL FOUR (4) questions**

1. Explain how the policies of the Bretton Woods institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank (WB) keep countries in poverty.

(12.5 marks)

2. Describe the roles and responsibilities of the World Health Organisation (WHO). Then, explain its contribution in managing the COVID-19 pandemic.

(12.5 marks)

3. Discuss the history and functions of the United Nations (UN) in maintaining peace around the world. Considering recent conflicts between Ukraine and Russia and the frequent coups in Africa, do you think that the UN is still relevant?

(12.5 marks)

4. Discuss, with examples, renewable, non-renewable, and mineral resources.

(12.5 marks)

(50 marks)

**TOTAL: 100 marks**