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Development Studies (University of South Africa)



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Dear Students

A popular buzzword prior to the examination is “scope”. Often, the volume of study material makes studying for the exam seem like a daunting task. However, if you have engaged with your study material and attended the weekly classes (or listened to the recordings) throughout the semester, exam preparation becomes smoother. Nonetheless, the word “examination” is often associated with tension and anxiety. To ease the exam preparation process, recommended guidelines are provided below on what you need to focus on and understand from the study guide for DVA1501.

For **Section A: essay-type questions**, focus on the following:

Learning units 1 and 3

From this unit, you are required to know and understand:

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

Learning unit 4

From this unit, you are required to know and understand:

- the concept of sustainable development, including its three pillars
- problems affecting sustainable development

Learning unit 5

From this unit, you are required to know and understand:

- what are basic needs - you must be able to define and explain the term.
- the link between basic needs and development
- the challenges in securing basic needs (the four mentioned in the study guide)

NB: Your answer must be based on the ‘basic needs’ as mentioned in the exam question paper.

For **Section B: short-answer questions**, focus on the following:

The short-answer questions cover content from across the various learning units in the study guide. Some of the questions provide the opportunity for you to base your answers on real-

life situations, so please be guided by the question. Some aspects that you can focus on in your preparation for this section include:

- **Learning unit 2:**

- You must know the roles and responsibilities of the World Health Organisation and be able to apply it to a real-life situation as will be indicated in the question.
- You must know about the history and functions of the United Nations (UN) and be able to apply it to a real-life situation as will be indicated in the question.

- **Learning unit 4:**

You must be able to discuss natural resources as indicated in the question, with examples.

- **Learning unit 6:**

You must know the Bretton Woods institutions and explain how they keep countries in poverty.

NB: Please use the guidelines above to prepare for your upcoming exam. If something is not mentioned here, then it means that it is not applicable for the exam.

REMEMBER:

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We wish you much success in the exam!

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