

Tutorial Letter 201/2/2018

Introduction to Development Studies DVA1501

Semester 2

Department of Development Studies

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

This tutorial letter contains important information
about your module.

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Dear Student,

The multiple choice question (MCQ) assignment contributes 50% towards your year mark. This assignment is compulsory as it gives you entry into the examination. If you do not submit Assignment 01, you will not be allowed to write your examination. To complete the MCQs, you need to understand the Study Guide for DVA1501 and Tutorial Letter DVAALL/D301.

The answers to the multiple-choice questions are as follows:

QUESTION 1

Option 3 is correct, because the main idea in the quoted paragraph is that there should be common agreement on indicators that measure poverty in order to define its parameters and plan interventions.

QUESTION 2

Option 4 is correct. It refers concisely to the book so that it can be located in the bibliography. Please see pages 17- 28 of Tutorial letter DVAALLD/301 which shows you how to reference correctly.

QUESTION 3

Option 4 is correct. In academia, it is strictly forbidden to duplicate (paraphrase or use direct quotations) other people's work, ideas and thoughts without acknowledging them. Please read Tutorial letter DVAALLD/301 which shows you how to reference different sources correctly.

QUESTION 4

Option 3 is correct. It is not true to say that an 'unstable definition' such as poverty, is best expressed through a view shared by the majority of people. The dominant view regarding poverty is that, it is an outcome of a lack of economic resources which ultimately leads to material deprivation. This view opposes defining poverty only as a social concept.

QUESTION 5

Option 4 is correct. An introduction is composed of a summary of the framework and a brief explanation of what you will be doing in your essay. Please refer to Tutorial letter DVAALLD/301 which provides a guideline on how this should be done.

QUESTION 6

Option 2 is correct. This option reflects the Harvard referencing system that uses the following sequence: the authors' surname and initials, the year of publication, the title, place of publication and the publisher.

QUESTION 7

Option 3 is correct. Middle-income countries are divided into lower middle and upper middle classes. On page 2 of the study guide, it is mentioned that the World Bank regards South Africa as an "upper middle-income country".

QUESTION 8

Option 1 is correct. Pages 30-41 of the study guide describe multiple factors which constrain sustainability. Therefore, options 2, 3 and 4 are incorrect.

QUESTION 9

Option 1 is correct. On page 61 of the study guide, it is stated that "the materialists criticised culturalist perspective for oversimplifying, romanticising and essentialising particular cultures, histories and geographies."

QUESTION 10

Option 1 is correct. In figure 3.1 on page 45 of the study guide, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) notes that food, shelter, clothes, household equipment and furniture are the basic minimum family requirements.

QUESTION 11

Option 2 is correct. On page 59 of the study guide, it is stated that “the theory of natural rights is a precursor to the universalist theory of human rights...it is sometimes called the Athens-to-Washington-narrative of human rights...because it traces the origins of human rights to the Greek city states (Athens) and locates the maturation of human rights in Washington (US).”

QUESTION 12

Option 3 is correct. It is the false statement. Basic needs are those things that a person cannot do without and can be viewed objectively in terms of minimum specified quantities of such things as food, clothing, shelter, water and sanitation. Basic needs are therefore not optional day-to-day requirements.

QUESTION 13

Option 4 is correct. Australia is located in the southern hemisphere, but has all the characteristics of those countries which are classified as ‘North’ countries.

QUESTION 14

Option 3 is correct. On page 5 of the study guide, it is stated that the death rate of children younger than 5 years of age is also known as the “under-five mortality rate” or U5MR.

QUESTION 15

Option 3 is correct. On page 34 of the study guide, it is noted that apart from South Africa, Zimbabwe is the only other country that uses coal extensively as an energy source.

QUESTION 16

Option 2 is correct. Answers a & d were not included in the original Millennium Development Goals which can be found on page 16 of the Study Guide.

QUESTION 17

Option 2 is correct. It is noted on page 43 of the study guide that most basic needs have to be paid for because everything has now been commoditised.

QUESTION 18

Option 2 is correct. On page 75 of the study guide, it is stated that the BRICS countries consist of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

QUESTION 19

Option 3 is correct. The topics of focus for the module DVA1501 are: introducing issues of development, poverty and basic needs, inequality and power and justice and human rights.

QUESTION 20

Option 1 is correct. With regards to stereotyping, option 1 is a false statement, while options 2, 3 and 4 are true statements.

QUESTION 21

Option 4 is correct. On page 21 of the study guide, it is noted that the concept of sustainable development has gained momentum in the decades following the Stockholm United Nations conference in 1972.

QUESTION 22

Option 3 is correct. Page 24 of the study guide mentions that technocentrists have absolute faith in technology and industry as well as human control over nature. This view seems to hold relevance to some of the features listed under anthropocentrism on page 26 of the study guide, where the focus is on 'the human' above all.

QUESTION 23

Option 3 is correct. Refer to page 23 of the study guide where a description of the relationship between poverty and the environment is provided. There is no explanation that alludes to option 3.

QUESTION 24

Option 2 is correct. Pages 30-31 of the study guide states that “if climate change reduces water supplies and increases water demand, water may become scarcer.” As a result of this, farmers may find themselves in a situation where they cannot pay for or obtain the water needed for irrigation and may therefore be forced to switch from irrigated to rain-fed acreage.

QUESTION 25

Option 3 is correct. Page 26 of the Study Guide mentions the different factors that cause environmental damage, which in the long run, pose a threat to sustainable development. These factors include biodiversity depletion, food supply problems and pollution.

Kind regards,

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