DVA1501 May-June 2024 Exam Scope

Development Studies (University of South Africa)

MAY/JUNE 2024: DVA1501 EXAM GUIDELINES (SCOPE)

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, guidelines are provided below on what you need to focus on and understand from the different learning units in the study guide for DVA1501.

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

Learning unit 1

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

- the classification of countries as 'developed' and 'developing'.

- the Human Development Index (HDI) and the under-five mortality rate (U5MR). You must be able to discuss these human indicators and explain how they are used to classify countries as 'developed' and 'developing'.

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.

- be able to identify basic needs in your area that are challenging to access and the negative impact on development thereof.

Learning unit 6

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

- the concepts poverty and inequality – you must be able to define and explain them.

- the various causes of poverty. The exam question will require you to discuss four specific causes from the study guide. **NB: Your answer must be based on the causes as outlined in the exam question paper and should not discuss other ones.**

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 are as follows:

- **Learning unit 1:**

  - ➢ You must know the meaning of the concept of development and be able to discuss it as per your understanding in your own words.

- **Learning units 2 and 6:**

  - ➢ You must know about the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and its role in ensuring smooth, free, and fair trade.

  - ➢ You must know about the criticisms against the WTO.

- **Learning unit 4:**

  - ➢ You must know and understand the various approaches to sustainability and environmentalism and be able to choose an approach/es that you support and justify your choice/s. The class that was held on learning unit 4 will assist in your preparation for this question.

- **Learning unit 5:**

  - ➢ Be able to discuss the availability and access to basic needs to an ongoing conflict in the world. The exam question will specify the conflict that you need to apply the content from learning unit 5 to.

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:

- ✚ the use of examples strengthens the discussion and shows that you understand and can apply content.

- ✚ to reference in the text, wherever you discuss ideas that are not your own and/or use information from sources. **All definitions and statistics must be referenced**.

- ✚ **DO NOT** reproduce and copy/paste information from sources consulted. You will fail if you do so as it does not demonstrate your understanding of the content. Instead, you must paraphrase (write in your own words), and interpret and present arguments from sources consulted, which must be referenced.

  NB: We cannot emphasise enough the importance of writing in your own words while still providing references because the ideas are not your own. Copying work from sources consulted (study guide, internet), other students,

buying assignments from online websites and/or 'ghost writers', as well as the use of Artificial Intelligence, will result in a fail mark.

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We wish you much success in the exam!

Your Lecturers