

## MAY/JUNE 2023: 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 throughout the semester, exam preparation becomes smoother. Nevertheless, 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 unit 1

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

- the classification of countries as ‘North’ and ‘South’ and why classifying countries as such is problematic, inaccurate, and stereotypical.

### Learning unit 3

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

- modernisation theory – you must be able to explain what modernisation entailed and how it kept countries poor.
- dependency theory – you must be able to explain the dependency school of thought, and its criticisms of modernisation.
- Human-centred development – you must be able to discuss the various human-centred approaches to development that followed the early approaches (economic) to 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
- how the failure to satisfy important basic needs (the four mentioned in the study guide) affects development

NB: Your answer must be based on the ‘basic needs’ as mentioned on 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 answer 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 1:**

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross National Product (GNP) as indicators of development. You must also be able to discuss their strengths and weaknesses.

- **Learning unit 4:**

The negative consequences of deforestation, the concept of sustainable development (define and explain it) and its three pillars.

- **Learning unit 6:**

Identify issues that arose during COVID-19 which had negative impacts on poverty and inequality.

**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.
- ✚ the technical requirements for your examination are only to provide a cover page and in text referencing where necessary. You are **NOT** required to provide a Table of Contents or a list of references.

We wish you much success in the exam!

Your Lecturers

