

## OCT/NOV 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: ONE essay-type question (COMPULSORY)**, focus on the following:

### **Learning units 5 & 6**

From these units, you are required to know and understand:

- the concept of basic needs - you must be able to define and explain the term.
- the concepts of poverty and inequality – you must be able to define and explain both concepts.
- how unemployment affects access to basic needs
- be able to offer possible solutions for poverty alleviation so that basic needs can be met.

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

The short-answer questions cover content from across the various learning units in the study guide. Some aspects that you can focus on in your preparation for this section are as follows:

- **Learning unit 1:**
  - The Human Development Index (HDI)
- **Learning unit 2:**
  - The International Criminal Court (ICC)
- **Learning unit 3:**
  - Modernisation Theory
  - Dependency Theory
  - Decolonial Theory

- **Learning unit 4:**

- the concept of sustainable development – be able to discuss the concept in your own words.
- deforestation and soil erosion and their impact on the environment.
- the negative impacts of mining on the environment.

- **Learning unit 5:**

- the negative impacts of the failure to access water and sanitation.
- hunger in rural areas – you must be able to describe why these areas have higher rates of hunger.

- **Learning unit 6:**

- the causes of poverty and inequality.
- poverty relief measures.

**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 always 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.**

- ✚ **The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to generate answers or paraphrase work is strictly PROHIBITED. This includes Grammarly, paraphrasing tools, and large language models such as ChatGPT are NOT allowed as it will reflect as AI.**

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We wish you much success in the exam!

Your Lecturers

