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DS 113: Seminar Questions for Semester II, 2018/2019**

Science, Technology, and Innovation for Development

1. According to Tanzania Development Vision 2025 in order for Tanzania to be a middle-income economy “promotion of science and technology education” is inevitable. Critically assess our progress and propose way forward, if any?
2. Critically evaluate the role of science, technology and innovation in development process of any developing country of your choice.

Rural and Urban Development

3. “Rural development has been central to national development initiatives in most of African countries including Tanzania. However, registered achievements do not correspond to the effort invested.” Discuss.
4. “Food security as a holistic state should be reflected in the four major dimensions of availability, access, utilization and stability.” Critically discuss this proposition with reference to Africa.

Industrial Development

5. “Forward and backward linkages between industries and other sectors of the economy are pivotal for Africa’s economic transformation.” Discuss.
6. As Tanzania is struggling to be a semi-industrialised economy by 2025, what should be learnt from the past with regard to industrialisation?

Population and Development

7. Identify and discuss the key arguments presented about fertility by Adhikari (2010), and assess whether or not the explanations given are realistic considering the African/Tanzanian context.
8. You are appointed as panelist to drafting a sustainable development strategy of Zamunda Republic situated in Africa. Informed by theories, what would be your key arguments on the relationship between population and sustainable development?

HIV/AIDS and Its Implications on Development

9. With concrete examples, critically discuss why do we need a gendered policy towards successful combating HIV/AIDS in a country like Tanzania?
10. “HIV/AIDS in Africa is a cultural problem, and can only be addressed by uprooting negative cultural elements which fuel the transmission of HIV.” Critically Discuss.

Entrepreneurship and Development

11. Discuss how effectively are the roles of the state and non-state actors discharged in promoting entrepreneurship development by making reference to any country of your choice.
12. Whenever there are debates on youth unemployment in Africa, policy makers, legislators and development practitioners have been blaming the youth for not opting entrepreneurial paths. In your opinion as a development studies student, what are the issues with regard to youth unemployment and entrepreneurial options in Africa?