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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Date: 11th December, 2024

Time: 11.30am – 1.30pm

KLC 2104 - DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

Case study

Utawala Community Development Programme

Utawala community, despite her rich resources, diverse cultures, and significant human potential, continues to grapple with challenges of underdevelopment. The complex interplay of historical, economic, social, and political factors in Utawala has created an environment where poverty persists, community structures remain fragile, and economic growth is uneven. As part of its mission, the Utawala Community Development Programme seeks to explore these issues and design interventions that will empower Utawala local community, alleviate poverty, and promote sustainable development.

To succeed in their work Utawala community development need to explore Several factors that contribute to the persistent underdevelopment in the region, which are often interlinked with a view of designing interventions for dealing with these challenges. Utawala community development programme aims to improve the overall quality of life, particularly for the marginalized and underprivileged populations. However, to achieve their mandate, they have to first deal with the challenges related to poverty. This is because poverty in Africa is both a cause and effect of underdevelopment. Understanding its root causes is essential for designing effective interventions. A potential solution which Utawala development can explore is opportunities presented by globalization. However, globalization in many countries especially among less developed countries has opened new opportunities for economic growth, but it has also presented challenges for Africa's development. The other available opportunity Utawala can explore in their programme design is promotion of income generation activities through self-help groups. Community groups play an integral role in fostering development at the grassroots level and community members can be encouraged to form new groups or join the existing ones.

The Utawala Community Development Programme aims to address the multifaceted issues contributing to underdevelopment in Africa by focusing on the themes of poverty alleviation and economic development. By understanding the causes of underdevelopment, designing interventions aligned with the objectives of development, and leveraging community groups, the program seeks to foster sustainable economic growth, reduce poverty, and empower marginalized populations to participate in the global economy while preserving their cultural heritage.

- a) Discuss the root cause of poverty among members of community in Utawala (6 marks)
- b) Explore the pros and cons presented by globalization that Utawala development community can consider when designing their programme (6 marks)
- c) Examine some of the reasons which would encourage members of the local community in Utawala to join or form self-help groups (6 marks)
- d) Based on the case study, discuss both history and current factors which led to the underdevelopment in Africa (6 marks)
- e) Discuss the main causes of unemployment among Utawala community members (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine factors that affect fair resources allocation to the citizens in a country (5 marks)
- b) Discuss the effects of Structural Adjustment Programmes (SAP) introduced by the World Bank and IMF to African states as a pre-condition for international aid (5 marks)
- c) Outline the main objectives of sustainable development (5 marks)
- d) Discuss the principles of good budget (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine some of strategies the Kenya government can employ to ensure equal distribution of resources to citizens (7 marks)
- b) Discuss the main tenets of Dependency theory (7 marks)
- c) Examine challenges that governments in Africa face in the implementation of the youth agenda (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the role of *Boda Boda* sector in social development in Kenya. (5 marks)
- b) Examine main indicators of development among developing nations in Africa. (5 marks)
- c) Outline the challenges encountered by members of community in public participation (5 marks)
- d) Discuss the major cause of debt crisis among the Less Developed Countries (5 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the role of appropriate technology in rural development (5 marks)
- b) Outline the advantages of division of labour within an organization (5 marks)
- c) Justify why international trade is an important aspect for economic development in a country (5 marks)
- d) Justify why health and education important drivers of human development (5 marks)