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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
(BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)

Date: 12th August, 2024
Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

KLC 2104 DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

CASE STUDY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SOCIAL WELFARE.

After the last year's election in South Africa, ZANU PF a political party that has been in power for the last two decades won the election but not with a big margin unlike in other elections. Despite the win, the electorate who majority were young people aged between 18 and 35 were not happy with the leadership of ZANU and this was evident the way their votes were divided to other minority parties. One of the major issues raised by the youth was unemployment. This is because in south Africa despite high education attainment rates among the youth, majority of the youth lack formal employment. Majority of the people involved in informal employment in south Africa are youth aged between 18 and 35 years, accounting for the 60% of the total population involved in the informal sector. One aspect which is evident is that South Africa has been underperforming in terms of economic growth and development which has led to majority of the citizens experiencing socio economic challenges.

Other sectors that have been greatly affected are health and education with those affected majorly living in the rural areas and in the informal settlements in urban areas. This is despite empirical studies showing the importance of these two sectors towards human development. During campaign period, one of the key aspects challenged by the opposition was the foreign trade policy of South Africa, where the argument was based on unfavourable conditions for foreign investors due to hostility to foreigners through xenophobia. The opposition were promising that when the get to power, they shall promote foreign trade and investment through policies that encourage free trade and liberalization. The election results were a wakeup call to the ruling party that among other things, they need to create formal employment for the youth or create more favourable conditions for the informal employment.

Based on the case study answer the following questions;

- a) Examine major factors that could have led to the youth encountering many social problems in South Africa despite high education attainment. (5 marks)
- b) Justify why the new government in South Africa needs to promote the health sector as an important ingredient towards human development. (5 marks)
- c) Discuss the main strategic options that the South African government need to put in place to promote education as an important aspect for human development. (5 marks)
- d) The youth are the future of any society. From the case study, justify this statement by outlining major ways the South Africa government should employ to create formal employment for the youth and make informal employment more favourable. (5 marks)
- e) Based on the case study, justify why foreign trade could be a solution to the social economic challenges South Africa is facing as a nation. (5 marks)
- f) Examine some of disadvantages South Africa could face in creating favourable social economic conditions for her citizens. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) The Kenyan constitution of 2010 provides for public participation before initiation and implementation of public projects. Discuss the advantages of public participation in national planning. (7 marks)
- b) In the 20th century managers and boards of directors are opting for strategic decision towards job specialization. Justify why this could be a better strategy for better results. (7 marks)
- c) Members of the community joint and form social groups to serve their interest as individuals and as a group. Examine main factors why members of the society join or form social groups . (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine gender based challenges faced by women in Kenyan towards attainment of their basic human rights. (7 marks)
- b) Justify why it is important to ensure that rural areas are equally developed like the urban areas. (7 marks)
- c) Citizens in the less developed countries in Africa, Latin America and some parts of Eastern Asia experience absolute poverty. Examine factors that have led to high incidences of poverty among those countries. (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Youth are not a homogeneous group and due to that fact, not all youth in Kenya have benefited from globalization. With examples, agree or disagree with this statement. (7 marks)
- b) Examine main ethical consideration in the allocation and distribution of resources to citizens. (7 marks)
- c) Trace the historical factors that led to the debt crisis in Africa. (6 marks)

QUESTION FIVE(20 MARKS)

- a) With examples, discuss the pros and cons of the SAPs among African countries. (7 marks)
- b) Examine the key principles of a good national financial budget. (7 marks)
- c) Discuss the key stages in the (PCM) Project Management Cycle. (6 marks)