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**BSc degrees and Diplomas for Graduates in Economics, Management, Finance and the Social Sciences, the Diploma in Economics and Access Route for Students in the External Programme**

**Geographies of Development**

Thursday, 18 May 2006 : 2.30pm to 5.30pm

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following **NINE** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

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1. **Either**

To what extent is neo-liberalism the most effective approach to sustainable economic development in countries of the South in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

**Or**

Compare and contrast the advantages of using the Human Development Index (HDI) over per capita Gross National Product (GNP) in assessing national development.

2. With reference to at least **two** developing countries, evaluate the role played by family planning programmes in reducing birth rates in recent decades.
3. Define 'self-help' housing and assess its importance as a shelter alternative for the urban poor in developing countries. Illustrate your answer with examples.
4. What is meant by the term 'informalisation of labour', and what evidence is there to suggest that urban labour markets in the South are increasingly affected by this phenomenon?
5. 'Emerging from criticisms of static definitions of poverty based on technical measurements have been a series of qualitative approaches to conceptualising poverty' (C. McIlwaine, 2002). Elaborate on this statement.
6. In which ways have women benefited from economic development in the South, and in which ways have they been disadvantaged?
7. Delineate the main impacts on household headship and composition of the processes of economic development and urbanisation in developing world regions.
8. What is meant by the term 'diseases of poverty', and what are the most appropriate policy measures governments might take to alleviate the disproportionate burden of ill-health and premature mortality among the poor?
9. Define 'civil society' and assess its role in determining and implementing development strategies.

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