## **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON**

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## **EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

For The Following Qualification:-

M.Sc.

**European Property Studies** 

COURSE CODE

: BENVEP04

DATE

: 22-MAR-06

TIME

: 10.00

TIME ALLOWED

: 2 Hours

# UCL MSc EPDP Module P04 European Property Studies Exam: Wednesday 22 March 2006 1000h – 1200h (two hours)

### Instruction to candidates:

Write short <u>notes</u> on this question sheet in response to all 6 questions. Make sure that you spend some time on every question.

- 1. When an investor is considering alternative kinds of investment, property (whether land, property development or property ownership) will be one of the possibilities. Make a list of the factors which the investor might regard as positive and attractive about property investment, and a second list of factors which might be regarded as negative and discouraging.
  - Positive factors

Negative factors

2. Now think about **any one country or region** which you have studied. Write short notes on how these positive and negative factors might be viewed by an international investor considering some sort of property investment there.

3. Make a list of the principal sources of risk and uncertainty which can arise in a property development and investment. Against each item in the list, make a note of anything that could be done to minimise or manage any negative effects from this uncertainty.

source of risk / uncertainty	ways of managing or mitigating it

4. Properties are often considered by investors in categories (sectors) according to functional building types. Make notes of the distinctive features of these sectors as investments. You may answer in general terms or refer to specific countries or cities if you wish.

There is no need to comment on all sectors: limit yourself to one(s) you feel able to comment upon.

Residential	
Offices	
Offices	
Warehouse and distribution / logistics	
Industrial	
Retail	
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Leisure	
hotels and tourism	
Mixed-use properties	

- 5. What are the advantages and disadvantages for an investor of investing(a) directly in individual properties through acquisition(b) indirectly through some kind of vehicle or security

6. You are trying to evaluate the desirability of development and investment in what you think could be an 'emerging' region or location. What indicators or 'drivers' would you look for to help you in your decision-making. List in order of priority what you think these factors are. To what extent do you consider that government planning policy and regeneration initiatives could be significant?

You may answer in theoretical or general terms or in relation to named region(s) or location(s).