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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualifications:–

Grad Dip M.Sc. PG Dip

Planning Practice

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TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

**PLANNING IN PRACTICE COURSE
EXAM PAPER MAY 2006
FOR
DIPLOMA/ MSc TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING
2 HOURS**

ANSWER 3 QUESTIONS

1. The changing political context(s) of planning over the last twenty years has dramatically changed the public's perception of the usefulness of town planning and the work of the planner. Referring either to planning as a system of governance and regulation or to the role of the professional practitioner, explain the principal developments that have led to this change and what impact they have had on the judgment of 'successful' planning.
2. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act of 2004 contains a statutory requirement for preparing Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS's) and Local Development Documents (LDDs) in England. To what extent do you consider this new legislation and its related set of new planning instruments contribute effectively to the achievement of sustainable development?
3. Does strategic planning have a future in the UK? If so, what are the key actions needed to ensure its success in Greater London? If not, what are the principal obstacles to its success in Greater London?
4. What are the major regeneration lessons that can be learned from the Cross-River Partnership initiative in London, and how in particular is it anticipated to benefit the South Bank?
5. What positive and negative lessons can be learned from the planning and development of the Bluewater Shopping Centre in Kent? In your answer particularly consider the Centre's impact on sustainable development concerns.
6. It has been claimed that Spatial Planning is now "mainstream" in UK planning practice and that this is in large part due to the influence of the European Spatial Development Perspective (ESDP). Comment on the extent that these two claims are true and what the implications have been for planning practice in the UK in the last decade.

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