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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualifications:-

B.A.   B.Sc.

ES3580: Sociology and Planning

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TURN OVER

ENVS 3580 Sociology and Planning

Answer three questions.

1. Describe the impact of the restructuring of employment since the 1970s on British cities. To what extent can the public sector influence the geography of employment?

2. Critically analyse the factors leading to the 'gentrification' of inner city neighbourhoods. What is the role of planning in this process?

3. Critically discuss the argument that the switch to a post-industrial city is characterised by an increasing degree of social polarisation.

4. Analyse the trend towards the 'residualisation of council housing' in the UK over the past decades and outline possible policy measures to tackle the problem.

5. Critically discuss the factors influencing an individual's residential location decision.

6. To which extent does New Labour's urban policy address social exclusion in British cities?

7. This quote illustrates criticisms frequently addressed to property-led urban regeneration as practiced by the Urban Development Corporations in the 1980s. *"Global over-investment in prestige projects and events provides a highly inefficient subsidy to the private sector and (...) results in the neglect of the basic social infrastructure on which the long-term future of cities depends. Any benefits which are created are distributed unevenly, increasing social inequalities and inhibiting social justice"* (Loftman et al, 1994: 3)[1]. Discuss.

8. Critically analyse the principles underpinning urban policy and planning reforms under the Conservatives (1979-1997).

9. Discuss whether policies for the inner city initiated since the 1980s have addressed the situation of ethnic minorities in the UK.

10. Who governs in contemporary British cities?

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[1] Loftman, P. et al (1994), *Inter-city competition, place promotion and social justice*, University of Central England, Birmingham, Faculty of the Built Environment, Research Paper No. 8