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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualifications:–

B.A. *B.Sc.*

ES2014: Cities and Social Change

COURSE CODE : ENVS2014

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 20–MAY–05

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

ENVS2014 CITIES AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Answer two questions.

1. Critically discuss the achievements and legacy of property-led regeneration as practised in Britain in the 1980s.
2. What are the main factors explaining urban concentration and segregation patterns in contemporary London?
3. Is the 'Urban Renaissance' agenda of New Labour a sustainable, realistic and efficient concept for the future of British cities? Discuss.
4. Critically discuss whether post-industrial 21st century cities are more polarized than industrial cities.
5. To which extent do 'urban managers' still have an impact on the generation and distribution of urban resources in the 21st century?
6. Discuss the extent to which changes in the spatial structuring of cities since the industrial revolution have been primarily determined by developments in technology.
7. *"Although economic restructuring changes urban objective situations and the potentials for mass action, political relations and events, both national and local, determine the rise, fall and character of urban social movements"* (Fainstein and Fainstein, 1985: 191). Discuss this statement, illustrating your arguments with examples of urban social movements.
8. Is there an underclass in the UK? Critically analyse the use of that concept in the British context.

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