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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 : 19-MAY-06

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

ENVS2014 Cities and Social Change

Answer two questions.

1. Critically assess the claim that spatial concentrations of poverty and disadvantage in particular areas have 'neighbourhood effects' that further reinforce disadvantage.
2. Highlight the role played by the housing system in social exclusion processes in the UK.
3. Describe the impact of the restructuring of employment on British cities since the 1970s. To what extent can the public sector influence the geography of employment?
4. Intensified fears "associated with unwanted or unpredictable juxtapositions of different people have produced a crisis of confidence in public spaces" (McLaughlin and Muncie, 1999: 117). Critically discuss the transformation of public and residential space in post-Fordist cities emerging from these fears.
5. Critically discuss the following quote from Charles Landry's book *The creative city* (2000): "The task of urban planners is to recognize, manage and exploit [cultural] resources responsibly. Culture, therefore, should shape the technicalities of urban planning rather than be seen as a marginal add-on to be considered once the important planning questions like housing, transport and land-use have been dealt with".
6. Critically analyse the factors leading to the gentrification of inner city neighbourhoods in London. To which extent can public policy control this process?
7. Critically discuss the following statement about New Labour urban policies: "*In spite of the new language of inclusion and partnership, economic competition remains the primary driving forces in regeneration so that the economic and social outcomes of regeneration have not significantly changed*" (Colenutt, 1999: 243).
8. Are design-based crime prevention approaches successful tools to tackle crime and anti-social behaviours in cities?

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