

PAPER BENVBU02: Participatory Processes (2005/06)

DURATION: 3 Hours

This paper consists of five questions. Answer THREE questions only. All questions carry equal marks. You are advised to spend an equal amount of time on each question.

1. Community action planning is a quick and effective way of prioritising needs and designing projects and programmes collaboratively. Discuss some of the key characteristics of this process and illustrate with examples.
2. Partnerships are the key to effective participation and to good governance. Identify the key actors in development programmes and discuss some of the comparative advantages and risks they bring to a partnership.
3. What is the difference between participation as a means and as an end? Illustrate your answer with examples of each.
4. What are the factors that can negatively influence participation? Which particular factors pose the biggest threats to the success of participatory initiatives?
5. Explain the main differences between "conventional" and "participatory" processes for data collection and information gathering. Make use of examples to illustrate your answer.

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