

PAPER BENVSD02

Social Development and Poverty Reduction: From
Theory to Practice

DURATION:

3 HOURS

Answer **THREE** questions only. You **MUST** answer **PART A QUESTION 1** and **ONE** question from **PART B** and **ONE** question from **PART C**. All questions carry equal marks. You are advised to spend an equal amount of time on each question.

PART A

1. 'Globalisation and poverty reduction are mutually incompatible'. Do you agree? Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.

PART B

2. 'The only feasible alternative for providing an equitable solution to urban social problems is for the market to intervene in the provision of public services'. Discuss.
3. It is claimed that the cost of security provided by the state is diminished individual freedom. Do you agree? Illustrate your answer with examples.
4. 'Some theories relating to the functioning of societies (and economies) seek to explain, some to justify and some to predict'. Consider these claims with respect to Marxist theory.

PART C

5. Quantitative indicators of poverty hide more than they reveal and are of little use to policy makers. Discuss with examples.
6. Assess the value of the 'sustainable livelihoods approach' as both a tool of analysis and for informing anti-poverty interventions. Discuss.
7. While the principles underlying a rights-based approach may be correct, the problem lies in their operationalisation. Discuss. Provide examples to illustrate your answer.

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