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PAPER BENVAP02: Political economy of development: Land, food and agriculture

DURATION: 3 Hours

This paper consists of eight questions. Answer THREE questions only. You must choose at least ONE question from Part A and ONE question from Part B. All questions carry equal marks. You are advised to spend an equal amount of time on each question.

Part A

- 1.- Discuss the contribution of the structuralist economists associated with the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA) to a critical understanding of development processes in the post-war period.
- 2.- Analyse critically the case for, and the impact of, Structural Adjustment Programmes in the developing world.
- 3.- Using a theoretical perspective of your choice, discuss the importance and difficulties of global governance.
- 4.- Discuss the relevance for development theory of the concept of sustainability.

Part B

- 5.- Women play a major role in maintaining rural and urban agriculture as an important livelihood system and yet their contribution is hardly recognised. Discuss why.
- 6.- Can the neglect of positive aspects of indigenous knowledge systems and practice by home-grown researchers and policy makers contribute to the disempowerment of the urban and rural poor? Discuss how.
- 7.- Examine the significance and the socio-economic contribution of urban agriculture in selected countries of your choice and describe the key challenges facing small producers in this context.
- 8.- 'Northern NGOs are an extension of the colonial legacy and may not necessarily represent the interests of the rural and urban poor in the developing world'. Provide a critical analysis of this statement.

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