

## PAPER BENVUE02: Managing the City Economy (2005/2006)

Duration: Three hours

Answer THREE of the following questions. All questions carry equal marks. You are advised to spend an equal amount of time on each question.

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1. What do you understand by the concept of poverty? To what extent does economic growth represent an effective means of reducing poverty in developing countries?
2. What are the economic roles of infrastructure? What are the pros and cons of the involvement of the private sector in the provision of infrastructure?
3. What are the economic roles of international financial centres (IFC)? Do you think that some of the leading cities in the developing world (e.g. Shanghai and Mumbai [Bombay]) stand a realistic chance of becoming an IFC?
4. What do you understand to be the principal causes of de-industrialisation in leading cities in the developing world? Is de-industrialisation a sign of strength or weakness in economic development terms?
5. What is the distinction between comparative advantage and competitive advantage? How can these concepts be applied to the promotion of exports of services?
6. What do you think are the principle factors that underpin urban productivity? To what extent can city managers attempt to enhance urban productivity?
7. What does sustainable development mean? What do city managers need to do to promote sustainable development of their cities?
8. Discuss the following statement: "In the contemporary world, the key to a city's prosperity is to participate fully in the global economy through foreign trade and investments."

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