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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

M.Sc.

ESGT4: Poverty: Contemporary Debates

COURSE CODE   : **ENVSGT04**

DATE   : **25-MAR-02**

TIME   : **10.00**

TIME ALLOWED   : **3 hours**

PAPER ENVSGT04:   Poverty: Contemporary Debates (2001/02 Session)

DURATION: 3 hrs.

You must answer three questions in total. You **MUST** answer **QUESTION ONE** which accounts for 20% of the marks and select two others. Both of which account for 40%.

COMPULSORY - ANSWER QUESTION ONE

1. Briefly describe/explain:

    a. The difference between absolute and relative poverty
    b. The Gini Coefficient
    c. Participatory Poverty Assessments
    d. Purchasing Power Parities

ANSWER TWO OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

2.   Implicit in anti-poverty measures are assumptions about the causes of poverty. Discuss with reference to AT LEAST two different poverty measures of your choice.

3.   How might utilising a 'sustainable livelihoods' understanding of poverty affect anti-poverty interventions?

4.   Do you agree that policy-makers only favour targeted interventions because they are less expensive than universal interventions?

5.   Do NGOs help the poor to access the resources they need to improve their lives, or do NGOs hinder developmental progress by failing to adequately represent the poor?

6.   If poverty is a consequence of globalisation, does this render grass-roots social movements defunct?

7.   Identify two different approaches to poverty reduction. To what extent are these mutually incompatible, or complementary?

8.   The culture of the non-poor keeps the poor in poverty. Discuss.

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