

**PAPER ENVSGT04: Poverty: Contemporary Debates**

**DURATION: 3 hours**

**Answer THREE questions only. You MUST answer QUESTION 1 and two others. All questions carry equal marks**

1. Briefly describe/explain:
  - a. The World Bank's Poverty Line
  - b. The concept of social exclusion
  - c. The difference between absolute and relative poverty
  - d. The concept of vulnerability.
  
2. DFID interprets a *Rights Based Approach* to development as 'Participation, inclusion and fulfilling obligations...." (DFID, October 2000: 7) Critically assess this definition.
  
3. Using the *Sustainable Livelihoods Approach* compare and contrast the nature of rural and urban poverty. Illustrate your answer with case-study examples.
  
4. How can the concept of social diversity assist in the design of anti-poverty policies? Discuss with reference to the 'targetting versus universalism' debate
  
5. The forces of western economic globalisation are so powerful that poverty alleviation in developing countries is doomed to failure. How have the poor themselves disproved this statement? Illustrate your answer with reference to a case study of your choice.
  
6. The concepts of 'failing states' and 'market failure' have often been cited as the reasons for the prevalence of poverty. Can the concept of 'NGO failure' also be added to this list?
  
7. 'The rich keep the poor in poverty'. Discuss
  
8. Poverty alleviation strategies are informed more by ideology than by the real needs of the poor. Discuss in relation to two anti-poverty strategies.

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