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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

M.Sc. DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

PAPER : **Poverty: Contemporary Debates**

COURSE CODE : **ENVSGT04**

DATE : **26 July 2005**

TIME : **10.00**

TIME ALLOWED : **3 hours**

PAPER ENVSGT04: Poverty: Contemporary Debates 2004-5 (July Exam)

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 UNDP'S Human Poverty Index (HPI)
 - b. The difference between absolute and relative poverty
 - c. Participatory poverty assessment
 - d. Social capital
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. Do you agree that poverty eradication is not in the interest of the wealthy?
4. How does the failure to acknowledge difference in social identity reinforce patterns of poverty. Discuss with reference to AT LEAST 2 different social groupings of your choice.
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. Targeted interventions should not be adopted as they only serve to isolate the poor. Discuss with reference to empirical examples.
7. PRSPs are merely 'Old wine in new bottles'. Do you agree?
8. Using the *Sustainable Livelihoods Framework* compare and contrast the nature of rural and urban poverty. Illustrate your answer with case-study examples.

END OF PAPER