

**PAPER BENVUP02: URBAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY, PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT:
STRATEGIC ACTION IN THEORY AND PRACTICE (2005/2006)**

DURATION: 3 Hours

Please answer THREE questions only. You must answer ONE QUESTION FROM EACH OF PARTS A, B AND C. All questions carry equal marks. You are advised to spend an equal amount of time on each question.

PART A

1. Critically discuss how social justice can be measured and applied as a principle in urban planning practice. Illustrate your argument in a case study of your choice.
2. Critically discuss the adoption of a 'unitary public interest' in the formulation of the objectives of urban planning. Use at least two different planning approaches to illustrate your argument.
3. Is there the dilemma between rational and participatory approaches in urban planning? Respond, using different planning approaches to illustrate your argument.

PART B

4. Why is "being strategic" an important approach to addressing social justice in urban development?
5. What is the significance of understanding information as a socially constructed resource in urban policy and planning? Illustrate your arguments with examples.
6. Discuss why "public learning" is such an important component of any strategic intervention in urban development? Make use of examples to argue your case.

PART C

7. Critically discuss the implications for the planning practitioner of taking a conflict and/or consensus view of urban development planning. Illustrate your arguments with different planning approaches and/or methods.
8. Critically discuss the significance of social relations (class, gender, age, ethnicity) in urban development planning and components of its practice. Use examples to illustrate your arguments.
9. What contribution can an inclusive strategic view of urban development planning make to debates about urban governance?

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