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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

*For the following qualifications :-*

*M. Sc.*

**ESGJ12: Theories for Housing Policy and Practice**

COURSE CODE : ENVSGJ12

DATE : 19-DEC-01

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 hours

**PAPER ENVSGJ12: Theories for Housing Policy and Practice (2001/02 Session)**

**DURATION: 3 hrs.**

**Answer THREE questions only. All questions carry equal marks.**

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1. Describe the characteristics and theoretical foundations of the neo-liberal paradigm and explore its influence on housing policy for low-income groups. Illustrate with examples.
2. The upgrading of self-help housing over time by residents and by the state constitutes a process of commodification. Discuss and illustrate with examples.
3. Explore how the conceptual understanding and measurement of poverty has shifted since the 1950s and how such shifts have been reflected in housing policy for the urban poor.
4. Discuss the significance of gender relations in the formulation and implementation of housing policy for low-income groups. Illustrate with examples.
5. Analyse the competing theoretical claims that either the state, the market, or residents should meet the housing needs of the urban poor. Illustrate with examples.
6. Examine the interface between environmental problems and urban housing problems using appropriate theoretical and practical material.

**END OF PAPER.**