

University of London

EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualifications:–

Grad Dip M.Sc.

ESGT5: Theories for Practice: Social Development Perspective

COURSE CODE : ENVSGT05

DATE : 21-MAR-05

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

PAPER ENVSGT05: Theories for Practice: Social Development Perspective

Duration: 3 hours

Answer THREE questions only. All questions carry equal marks

- 1. "There is no such thing as society: there are individual men and women, and there are families' (Margaret Thatcher). Explain how the 1980s neo-liberal view of the market economy would justify such a claim.
2. Assess the competing theoretical claims that either the state or the market should meet the needs of the poor. Illustrate with examples.
- 3. What are the implications of theories of underdevelopment for social development practice? Discuss with reference to the work of Paul Baran and Gunder Frank.
4. It is claimed that the cost of greater social justice is reduced efficiency. Do you agree?
5. What do economic, social and political theories try to explain? What are the questions that each attempt to answer?
- 6. 'Freedom is the by-product of economic surplus'. (Aneurin Bevan) What would be a Marxist response to this statement and under what conditions would Marx consider real freedom to have been achieved?
7. Theories are intended to generalise but what are the dangers of basing social policy on a general economic or social theory? Illustrate your answer.
8. Either
 - (a) Globalisation is more than lowering barriers to foreign trade and investment. Discuss with reference to the political, social and cultural dimensions of globalisationOr
 - (b) Who benefits from 'globalisation'? Illustrate your answer, giving examples from national, local and individual experience.

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