

EXAMINATIONS FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF COMMERCE/BACHELOR OF FINANCE

COURSE CODE: HRD 2102/CMCU 2102

COURSE TITLE: DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND ETHICS

Instructions: Answer Question one and any other two

SECTION A - COMPULSORY

QUESTION ONE

CASE STUDY

Read the Case below and answer the questions that follow.

Addressing the council of Foreign Affairs Minister that constituted the NEPAD steering committee, in June 2003, the Secretary General of African Union said "African countries have blindly borrowed the traditional approaches to development introduced by the metropolis (the developed countries) in the 1950s and 60s without re-examining their validity and relevance to the African context. The consequences have been massive unemployment, increased poverty, foreign debt crisis, corruption, ethnic strife, dictatorship and political instability. African states have consequently been marginalized in global political and economic systems and, NEPAD, an initiative to develop Africa gives the continent a new hope where development strategy must be in word looking as opposed to external economic dependency through foreign Aid." He continued, "Half a century of World Bank and IMF existence as foreign aid agencies have left African states more poorer and created a vicious circle of dependency of African States on the western countries. Yet Africa is a reserve of more than half of the world forest and mineral resources."

Questions:

- a. With examples, discuss the validity of this argument. (10 marks)
- b. With special reference to Kenya, and in reference to this passage, discuss major characteristics of underdevelopment. (15 marks)
- c. Which are the ideal characteristics of development that you would recommend for Kenya if man has to be focus of development? (15 marks)

SECTION B - Answer any THREE questions.

QUESTION TWO

Self help groups have been major community institutions in our society that have acted as a vehicle for rural development. You intend to empower these groups so as to improve their effectiveness particularly in decision making process.

- a. Discuss factors that enhance group cohesiveness that you are likely to deal with in the process. (10 marks)
- b. What are the challenges of using committees in decision making process? (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) What is meant by the statement that many third world nations are subject to 'dominance', 'dependence' and 'vulnerability' in their relation with rich countries? (10 marks)
- (b) Explain the importance of Foreign aid to Kenya's development endeavors (5 marks)
- (c) Outline the problems associated with involving international development actors in the development of Kenya (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a. Distinguish between economic growth and development. (4 marks)
- b. Show why economic growth is not a sufficient condition for development in society. (16 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

"Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) are no longer tools of luxury, exploitation nor exclusion. They are tools that could be used to empower the rural people so as to realize their development potential," said a communication expert.

- a. What do you understand by (ICTs)? Give examples. (5 marks)
- b. Discuss how ICTs could be used for development in Kenya. (10 marks)
- c. To what extent are ICTs a threat to social, cultural and economic aspects of a country like Kenya? (5 marks)