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TITLE : ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF PLANNING

COURSE NUMBER : GEP 425

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. Answer three (3) questions including question 1 which is compulsory.

2. Where appropriate, illustrate your answers with examples and sketches.

MARK ALLOCATION: QUESTION ONE (1) CARRIES FORTY (40) MARKS AND THE OTHER QUESTIONS ARE THIRTY (30) MARKS EACH.

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SECTION A COMPULSORY QUESTION

QUESTION 1

'Rapid urban population growth is a major concern in environmental planning especially in the developing countries'. Discuss.

[40 marks]

SECTION B ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2

'Several World Summits have been held in the 20th century'. Discuss the main issues identified by the World Conservation Strategy and why they were identified as problems.

[30 marks]

QUESTION 3

The Rural Water Supply Board has informed the community of kaShewula in the Lubombo district that they will introduce a water project in the area. Discuss the dangers associated with this typology of consultation and public participation.

[30 marks]

QUESTION 4

Critically discuss the recommendations that have been made towards the adoption of an effective Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) system in developing countries.

[30 marks]

QUESTION 5

'The urban poor are endangered by environmental degradation' Discuss.

[30 marks]