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**DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND PLANNING**

**FINAL EXAMINATION, OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021**

**MSc. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT - LAND AND WATER  
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

**TITLE OF PAPER: DEVELOPMENT, URBAN SYSTEMS AND THE  
ENVIRONMENT**

**COURSE CODE: GEP602**

**TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS ONLY.**
- 2. ANSWER ONE (1) QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION.**
- 3. YOUR ESSAYS MUST BE WELL STRUCTURED.**
- 4. WHERE APPROPRIATE, ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH DIAGRAMS AND EXAMPLES.**
- 5. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN ANY ORDER BUT LABEL THEM CLEARLY.**

**MARKS ALLOCATION: EACH QUESTION CARRIES 50 MARKS.**

**THIS QUESTION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS  
BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR**

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**SECTION A: ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM THIS SECTION**

**QUESTION 1**

“Rapid and unplanned urbanization, in combination with the impacts of climate change, increases the vulnerability of the urban poor to natural hazards” (Williams *et al*, 2019: 157). Using examples, critically discuss the validity of this statement. **(50 Marks)**

**QUESTION 2**

Using examples, critically argue both in support of and against the view that Sustainable Development Goals will not be attained due to persistent conflict between global trade and the environment. **(50 Marks)**

**SECTION B: ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM THIS SECTION**

**QUESTION 3**

- a) Using examples, discuss the opportunities and constraints of environmental and social justice movements in mobilizing global support and action for sustainable development. (30 marks)
- b) Identify and explain, with the aid of examples, four different ways within which academic theory and research on globalization can broadly be categorized. **(20 marks)**  
**(50 Marks)**

**QUESTION 4**

- a) Using examples, discuss the interdependent and mutually reinforcing dimensions of urban poverty in the global South and the measures necessary to build resilience of the urban poor. **(30 marks)**
- b) Identify any four buzzwords and explain, with the aid of examples, the impacts each has on the relationship between development and the environment. **(20 marks)**  
**(50 Marks)**