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DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 24.08.2025

Time: 01.30 p.m. -04.30 p.m.

Answer ^{Four (04)} ~~Five (05)~~ questions only. Each question carries ²⁵ ~~20~~ marks.

1. Development is a contestation of alternative futures. Do you agree? Justify your answer.
2. Is politics an obstacle to development or a means to it? Discuss based on your real-life experience.
3. Does economic growth always lead to democratization? Explain.
4. Discuss the colonial legacy of development, taking examples from any two countries of your choice.
5. Do some state structures promote development more effectively than others? Critically evaluate two state structures of your choice.
6. Critically examine with relevant examples how social identities such as ethnicity, caste, gender, or religion influence development politics in the Global South.
7. To what extent do development strategies reproduce or reduce existing socio-economic inequalities? Support your answer with theoretical perspectives and empirical evidence.
8. What do you understand by the concept of 'common good' in the context of development? Elaborate your response with real-life examples.

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