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SSP 1215 – CONCEPTS OF DEVELOPMENT



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 29th November 2009

Time 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.

Answer four (04) questions only. Each question carries 25 marks.

1. "Both the processes as well the outcomes are critically important for the evaluation of the quality of development." In discussing this statement distinguish between the two, examine their relative importance and identify the main processes and outcomes which you will take into account in an evaluation of development.
2. Examine the concept of sustainable development and discuss the evolution of the concept from the 1970s onwards identifying the main landmarks, conferences and reports.
3. "In the evolution of the concept of development, UN Conventions and Covenants and declarations on human rights played a significant role." Do you agree? What declarations, Conventions and Covenants would you select as having had significant impact? In what way did they change the approach to development policy and strategy? Support your argument with examples.
4. Discuss the different roles of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank and their impact on policies at the national level.
5. Free market oriented liberalist development theory has its own limitations in transforming less developed countries in South Asia. Discuss this statement using relevant examples.
6. "The positive effects of globalization far outweigh the negative." Discuss this proposition in relation to the economic political and socio-cultural effects of globalization.

7. What are the indicators you would use for evaluating and monitoring the following?

- (i) The incidence of poverty
- (ii) The state of health of the population
- (iii) Sound macro-economic management
- (iv) Demographic change

Explain how the indicators are calculated and assess their importance as development indicators.

8. "The concept of development acquired new dimensions in the 1980s and 1990s. Development strategy began to focus increasingly on achieving the balance between growth, equity and good governance." Discuss and assess these new dimensions with reference to significant reports and events in the post 1980 period with particular reference to the UN system.

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