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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN**

**ECON 343: URBAN AND REGIONAL ECONOMY**

**STREAMS:**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: MONDAY 20/04/2020**

**8.30 A.M - 10.30 A.M.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions

**QUESTION ONE**

- a) Slums and abandonment are characteristics of many central cities. Why are these problems more likely to occur in cities that have experienced slow growth and net out migration of population. [6 Marks]
- b) Explain the factors other than location that can differentiate a neighbourhoods housing market and cause market segmentation. [8 Marks]
- c) Discuss why concentration of unemployment causes many problems in large (cities). [8 Marks]
- d) What economic forces could prevent the reduction of economic differentials among regions (cities). [8 Marks]

**QUESTION TWO**

- a) Briefly discuss the environmental problems in cities in under developed countries. [6 Marks]
- b) Discuss the kind of services that municipal councils provide to a city. [6 Marks]
- c) Discuss the justification of local government involvement in the provision of public goods. [8 Marks]

**QUESTION THREE**

- a) Discuss the assumption made by central place theory that explain the development of a system of cities. [8 Marks]
- b) Discuss the reasons for the fiscal crisis by central cities in urban areas. [8 Marks]
- c) Discuss why congestion is viewed as an external cost not fully paid by private automobile users. [4 Marks]

**QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Briefly explain why poverty is examined by urban economist. [4 Marks]
- b) Briefly discuss the factors that contribute to a wider dispersion of income between “haves” and “have nots”. [8 Marks]
- c) Discuss why concentration of poverty caused many problems in large cities. [8 Marks]

**QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Briefly discuss the main stages of growth pole theory. [9 Marks]
- b) How does the three stages relate to the backwash versus spread effects. [5 Marks]

- c) Briefly explain how the existence of multiple growth centers help explain the urban hierarchy or a system of cities. [6 Marks]

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