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Instructions

Time : 2 Hours

Answer question 1 and any other three

QUESTION 1

- a) Power plays an important role in social stratification. State and explain five variables of power. [15]
- b) Explain how the formation of cities in Africa could be related to the concept of power. Give one specific example to illustrate your answer. [25]

QUESTION 2

What do you understand by the phrase “vernacular architecture”? Describe the characteristics of vernacular architecture of one Zimbabwean ethnic groups. State how these characteristics would contribute towards what would be termed “Zimbabwean architecture” [20]

QUESTION 3

What can architects learn from the study of nomadic architecture? Illustrate your answer with specific examples. [20]

QUESTION 4

Vernacular building throughout Africa show a variety of provisions for necessary community household services. Describe giving examples of “built-in” provisions for each of the following services:

- a) religious sanctuary
b) food preparation and cooking
c) food storage
d) burial sites

[20]

QUESTION 5

Write a short essay on the impact of slavery on traditional architecture and settlements in Africa. [20]