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INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS

AAR 2106

Examination Paper

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This examination paper consists of 2 pages

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Total Marks: 100

Special Requirements: NONE

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer any four (4) questions
2. Where appropriate, use illustrations to support your answer

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QUESTION	MARKS
1.	25
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TOTAL	100

QUESTION 1

Discuss the effectiveness of the resource allocation and distribution model adopted in the economic systems that you have studied.

QUESTION 2

- i. Using the Production Possibility Curve (PPC), explain the following economic concepts
 - a. Scarcity (5)
 - b. Choice (5)
 - c. Opportunity cost (5)

- ii. With reference to the marginal utility theory, explain how economists account for consumer behaviour (10)

QUESTION 3

Discuss any five factors that affect demand for housing development in urban areas in Zimbabwe.

QUESTION 4

- a. What is meant by an 'urban economy'? (5)
- b. Examine the notion that cities are engines of economic growth in developed and developing countries (20)

QUESTION 5

Critically evaluate the role of International Aid Agencies and Multinational Corporations in Africa. Use examples to substantiate your deliberations.

QUESTION 6

- a. Demonstrate how equilibrium price is determined. (10)
- b. Explain any three circumstances under which the law of demand would fail. (15)