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Instructions

Time : 3 Hours

*Answer Question 1 and any other three (3) questions.
All questions carry equal marks.*

QUESTION 1 - Compulsory

Modern housing policy is a 20th century innovation; before 1914 even the most advanced countries did not have housing policies, as we know them to be today. Compare and contrast the housing policies of four countries (excluding Zimbabwe) you have studied, and suggest what lessons can be learnt from these for the Zimbabwean situation.

QUESTION 2

“Over and above their basic purpose of providing shelter against the elements and a focus for family life, human dwellings should afford protection against the hazards to health arising from the physical and social environments.” (WHO 1989). Discuss this statement with reference to developing countries, outlining the role that is played by poverty.

QUESTION 3

There are many dimensions of housing; size, structure, services, security of tenure, location, and cost, being of great importance. Discuss the relevance of these dimensions of housing to a successful housing intervention in developing countries.

QUESTION 4

Housing, it is generally accepted, can contribute to national development, in terms of economic and social benefits. Discuss the three basic reasons, cited by Alfred van Huyck, for the failure of the housing sector to contribute to national development in many developing countries.

QUESTION 5

Write short notes on the following terms as used in housing policy and practice, with reference to developing countries:

- (a) housing need and demand
- (b) housing policy
- (c) access to housing
- (d) participation in housing
- (e) housing delivery systems.

QUESTION 6

In many developing countries, the construction industry itself is seen as a constraint to successful housing intervention. Discuss the problems of the construction industry that inhibit the performance of the housing sector in developing countries.