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PART II FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS – JANUARY 2008  
**BAR 2106 – INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS**

**Instructions**

**Time : 3 Hours**

***Answer Four Questions.***

***All Questions Carry Equal Marks.***

**QUESTION 1**

- a) Explain briefly what an economist means by:
- a) Wants and Needs
  - b) Scarcity
  - c) Choice
  - d) Opportunity cost
- (20 Marks)
- (b) Using the Production Possibilities Curve, explain the economic concepts of opportunity cost, scarcity and choice? (10 Marks)

**QUESTION 2**

With the aid of clearly presented graphs, describe and explain how price and consume income influence **demand** and **supply** of construction products such as housing? (20)

**QUESTION 3**

- a) Define and describe the following
- price elasticity of demand
  - income elasticity of demand
- b) Explain how income elasticity of demand can affect property investment in Zimbabwe.

**QUESTION 4**

What are the factors that influence supply of property products such as housing in Zimbabwe? [10]

**QUESTION 5**

What are the relationships between the rural economy and the urban economy? (20)

**QUESTION 6**

What are the government's goals in managing the economy?  
What are the existing conflicts? (10)