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PART III – SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS – JULY 2008
BAR 3105 – ISSUES OF HOUSING AND SUPPLY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Instructions

Duration: 3 Hours

Answer any THREE Questions.

Question 1

“The building standards of Zimbabwe are higher than those of some developed countries like Australia” (UN Fact Finding Mission Report, 2005), given this statement identify and highlight how best these standards can be relaxed to allow for affordable housing in Zimbabwe. Mention what effects high standards have on low cost housing beneficiaries.

(20 marks)

Question 2

Account for the failure of third world countries to eradicate the housing backlog. What measures can be put in place to improve delivery of housing in these countries.

(20 marks)

Question 3

Housing as a process involves a number of critical stages with reference to Zimbabwe. Identify and discuss the key stages involved in the housing delivery process by any one local authority

(20 marks)

Question 4

It can be suggested that the more people and the community involved, the more important is the role of housing in economic life”, (Benjamin and McCallun,1984), Discuss this assertion and discuss the extent to which housing plays a critical economic role in the lives poor people.

(20 marks)

Question 5

Discuss the different sources of housing finance and explain why most low income families fail to access such finance from formal financial institutions (such as banks).

(20 marks)