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Time Allowed: 3 hours
Total Marks: 100
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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Answer all sections.*

MARK ALLOCATION

QUESTION	MARKS
Section A	8
Section B	72
Section C	20
TOTAL	100

Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (5 marks each)

1. According to comparative advantage, a developing country can improve housing by:
 - a) Producing housing materials domestically regardless of cost.
 - b) Importing cheaper materials and focusing on labor-intensive construction.
 - c) Building luxury housing for foreign investors.
 - d) Avoiding international trade to protect local industries.

2. In Rostow's Stages of Economic Growth, housing developments are most likely to accelerate in the:
 - a) Traditional society stage.
 - b) Preconditions for take-off stage.
 - c) Take-off stage.
 - d) Age of high mass consumption stage.

3. The Harrod-Domar model suggests that improving housing in developing countries requires:
 - a) Lowering the interest rate on housing loans.
 - b) Increasing savings and investing in construction projects.
 - c) Focusing only on high-income housing.
 - d) Importing construction technology from developed nations.

4. According to dependency theory, the housing crisis in developing countries is partly due to:
 - a) Overinvestment in public housing.
 - b) Exploitation by core nations that control construction industries.
 - c) Lack of natural resources.
 - d) Rapid urbanization without industrial growth.

5. In world-systems theory, the housing challenges in peripheral countries are caused by:
- a) A lack of technological innovation.
 - b) Unequal global economic relations that prioritize core nations.
 - c) Over-reliance on local materials.
 - d) Decentralized governance in urban planning.
6. Which of the following best describes the primary focus of Dialogue on Shelter Zimbabwe?
- a) Education reform
 - b) Advocacy for housing rights
 - c) Agricultural development
 - d) Electoral processes
7. The Zimbabwe Homeless People's Federation primarily works with which group?
- a) Large-scale property developers
 - b) Rural farmers
 - c) Urban poor communities
 - d) International investors
8. A key strategy used by Dialogue on Shelter to address housing challenges in Zimbabwe is:
- a) Building luxury apartments
 - b) Mobilizing community savings groups
 - c) Lobbying for foreign aid exclusively
 - d) Privatizing land ownership

Section B: Short Answer Questions (10 marks each)

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- a) Define wealth distribution and explain its relevance in addressing housing inequality
- b) What role does social welfare play in ensuring equitable access to housing
- c) How can taxation policies contribute to solving housing issues in urban areas

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10.

- a) Define owner occupation, social renting, and private renting, highlighting key differences between them.
- b) What are the advantages and disadvantages of private renting compared to social renting?
- c) How does government policy influence the balance between owner-occupied and rental housing markets?

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11.

- a) Evaluate the effectiveness of using taxation revenues to subsidize low-income housing.
- b) Discuss the potential social and economic impacts of introducing a universal housing benefit funded through wealth redistribution.
- c) Critically analyze how redistributive policies can address homelessness in both developed and developing countries.

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12.

- a) Should the government play a larger role in supporting organizations like Zimbabwe Homeless Peoples Federation? Justify your answer with examples from Zimbabwe or other countries.
- b) Discuss how the principles of wealth redistribution could be applied to enhance the impact of Zimbabwe Homeless Peoples Federation efforts in Bulawayo.

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Section C: Case Study Questions (20 marks)

13.

Explain the concept of social movements and discuss how Dialogue on Shelter Zimbabwe can be considered a social movement.

Describe the relationship between social movements like Dialogue on Shelter Zimbabwe and government policies. How does this relationship impact the effectiveness of their advocacy?

Highlight specific obstacles encountered by the Zimbabwe Homeless People's Federation and Dialogue on Shelter in their efforts to provide affordable housing and land security.