



## UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

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**SUBJECT:** DEVELOPMENT STUDIES 2A  
**CODE:** OWS2A11, DEV2A11, DEV2AA2  
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**DURATION:** 2 hours  
**TOTAL MARKS:** 100

**NUMBER OF PAGES:** 4 pages

**REQUIREMENTS:** Two answer books – one for Section A and one for Section B.

**OVERVIEW OF THE EXAM:** This paper includes **two sections**.

1. **Section A** has two parts. **Part 1** requires short essays. You must choose two (2) questions in Part 1 to answer. **Part 2** requires short written answers. You must answer five (5) questions in Part 2. You will write your answers for Section A in a separate answer script for **Section A**. Read the instructions carefully. Section A is worth **fifty (50) marks** out of a total of 100 marks for the entire exam.
2. **Section B** has two parts. **Part 1** requires short essays. You must choose two (2) questions in Part 1 to answer. **Part 2** requires short written answers. You must answer five (5) questions in Part 2. You will write your answers for Section B in a separate answer script for **Section B**. Read the instructions carefully. Section B is worth **fifty (50) marks** out of a total of 100 marks for the entire exam.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

1. Use two (2) separate answer scripts – one for Section A and another for Section B.
2. Write the Section letter (A or B) at the top of the answer script in the coloured block.
3. Read the instructions for each section carefully to ensure that you complete all required questions.

### **SECTION A:** **Part 1**

Answer any **two (2)** of the following questions in an answer script that says "A" in the coloured block on the front page. Clearly indicate the number of the questions you are answering.

**Question 1**

According to dependency theorists, how did colonialism shape the development of cities in the colonies? [15 marks]

OR

**Question 2**

Why do Beall and Fox prefer the concept 'low and middle income countries' to that of 'developing (and developed) countries'? [15 marks]

OR

**Question 3**

Does privatisation of municipal services (such as water, waste, electricity) promote urban development? [15 marks]

OR

**Question 4**

In November 2013 the Johannesburg Metro Police Department removed thousands of street traders from Johannesburg's inner city. The city argued that this was necessary to create order and help Johannesburg become a "world class African city". Do you think the removal of street traders advances and/or undermines urban development in Johannesburg? [15 marks]

OR

**Question 5**

It would be better for the government to focus on upgrading existing informal settlements rather than building new RDP houses. Discuss. [15 marks]

**Total Section A Part 1: 30 marks**

**SECTION A:**  
**Part 2**

**Answer any four (4) of the following questions in the answer book for Section A. Clearly indicate the number of the questions you are answering.**

**Question 1**

What is "urban bias" theory? [5 marks]

OR

**Question 2**

What is the difference between "economic development" and "economic growth"? [5 marks]

OR

**Question 3**

Beall and Fox use Amartya Sen's definition of "development". How does Sen define development? [5 marks]

OR

**Question 4**

How do cities provide "external economies of scale"? [5 marks]

OR

**Question 5**

What is "participatory budgeting"?

[5 marks]

OR

**Question 6**

How does the "sustainable livelihoods" framework expand on earlier approaches to addressing poverty?

[5 marks]

**Total Section A Part 2: 20 marks**

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50 MARKS**

**SECTION B:**

**Part 1**

**Answer one (1) of the following questions in an answer script that says "B" in the coloured block on the front page. Clearly indicate the number of the question you answer.**

**Question 1**

You are a member of a community organisation in Thembisa fighting the introduction of pre-paid water meters in the area where you live. You have proposed that the organisation conduct research to help advance your struggle and have been asked to motivate the proposal at a general meeting. Write a brief essay to serve as a background to your input. Ensure that at a minimum it addresses the following questions [i.e., you must answer these questions but can also add additional points]:

- a. Why would it be useful for the organisation to conduct research?
- b. What kind of research should the organisation conduct?
- c. How could the organisation use the research?

[25 marks]

OR

**Question 2**

You were asked by your Development Studies lecturer to assist her in a research project that aims to assess the livelihoods strategies of single mothers in an informal settlement area in Diepsloot, Johannesburg. You are required to gather data that will enable you to draw a comprehensive picture of how single mothers in that area live from day to day. This project will inform policy on local government's support of single mothers and children across the city of Johannesburg. In view of the above, write an essay that addresses the following:

- a. Outline the process involved in conducting such a research project. In your answer, pay attention to all aspects of the project's research cycle, including the compilation of your final report to the City of Johannesburg.

- b. Discuss whether you would suggest the use of qualitative and/or quantitative methods and explain why you make that choice. [25 marks]

**Total Section B Part 1: 25 marks**

**SECTION B:**  
**Part 2**

**Answer any five (5) of the following questions in the answer book for Section B. Clearly indicate the number of the questions you answer.**

**Question 1**

What are the main purposes of a literature review? [5 marks]

**OR**

**Question 2**

What factors should you consider when choosing your research methods for a research project? [5 marks]

**OR**

**Question 3**

What is the difference between "methodology" and "methods"? [5 marks]

**OR**

**Question 4**

What are the characteristics of a good research question? [5 marks]

**OR**

**Question 5**

What are the essential components and key characteristics of a research proposal? [5 marks]

**OR**

**Question 6**

What is the "snowball" sampling method and when is it appropriate to use this method? [5 marks]

**OR**

**Question 7**

What are the key questions to ask yourself when conducting qualitative data analysis? [5 marks]

**Total Section B Part 2: 25 marks**

**TOTAL SECTION B: 50 MARKS**

**TOTAL EXAM: 100 MARKS**

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