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TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

SUBJECT : **COMMUNITY STUDIES 4**

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer **ALL** questions.
 2. Your essays must have an introduction, body and a conclusion.
 3. The essays will be assessed on the basis of their content and structure.
 4. Answer the questions in any order but label them clearly.
 5. Be very logical in presenting and in arguing your point.
 6. Read each question very carefully before attempting it.
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QUESTION 1

‘In spite of substantial changes, South Africa today is still a nation composed of too many black people in possession of almost nothing — no meaningful foundation for social and economic autonomy. For too many, the possibility of purchasing much of anything in freedom is still foreclosed. In this context, “transformation” is a justified claim that requires urgent treatment. It will be a justified claim so long as South Africa can establish that it is not pursuing the good by violating the basic requirements of justice itself. Because it is the most likely device to shield the nation from calls for retribution or vengeance, “transformation” is also one of the various mechanisms to achieve true racial equality and, ultimately, real freedom’.

(Mbembe, 2007)

Using the statement cited above as a point of reference:

- a) Provide a post-colonial reading of the state of post-apartheid South African cities. Reflect on the limitations and possibilities embodied in the post-colonial concepts of ‘hybridity’ and ‘entanglement’ from a post-apartheid spatial transformation perspective. (25)
- b) To what extent does the statement cited above respond to the question of racialised systemic violence and in ‘post-colonial’ societies? (25)
- c) Use the statement above to provide a critical reflection on the ‘right to the city’ idea as expressed by David Harvey. To what extent does the statement extend the conception of rights and citizenship in the post-colony? (25)

QUESTION 2

‘The West, or global North, claims the right to the dominant view of the world. But, on the other hand, the global South is entitled to have its own view of the world (and of the global North)’.

(de Sousa Santos, 2007)

Using the statement above as a reference point:

- a) Explicate the salience of decolonial theory in post-apartheid urban and regional planning praxis.
- b) How can the decolonial concept of ‘delinking’ and epistemic dissonance’ contribute to the future of South African planning thought? (25)

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