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APK CAMPUS

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Instructions:

- 1. Answer All questions**
 - 2. This paper consists of 3 pages**
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SECTION A

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(ANSWER SECTION A QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET)

QUESTION 1

(25)

As a Development Economist you have a wide knowledge of the theories that have been developed over the ages to describe how an economic develops from a developing country to a mature developed economy. Considering the South African situation, discuss any two of the theories that you think might apply to the country. Give reasons and arguments why you believe these two theories are most likely to explain the South African scenario and lastly give a real life example in how the theories can explain the developments to reach a specific SDG.

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Instructions:

- Your question must be answered in an Essay format, thus with an introduction, paragraphs on the topics and a conclusion.
- In your introduction mention what a development economic theory is and list a few examples, explain which two you have selected to best explain the South African environment.
- Each paragraph of the body of your essay will address a specific theory. **(1)** explain the theory **(2)** discuss the reasons why it is applicable to South Africa **(3)** give an example how this theory can explain the development of a SDG to reach a specific development goal.
- In your conclusion shortly summarise the main issues and emphasise your main recommendations.

QUESTION 2

(25)

Poverty is one of the main concerns in South Africa and has deepened over the years. As the main advisor to the minister of Economic Development, you are asked to give your expert opinion on poverty, which will be included in the New Development Plan. As many parliament members are not familiar with the technicalities of poverty you need to explain the following: **(1)** descriptive stats on poverty in South Africa **(2)** how is poverty measured? **(3)** what is Sen's approach to poverty? **(4)** how can poverty be addressed in South Africa?

Instructions:

- Your question must be answered in an Essay format, thus with an introduction, paragraphs on the topics and a conclusion.
- In your introduction give background to the poverty situation in South Africa.
- Each paragraph of the body of your essay will address a specific topic. **(1)** different methods to measure poverty **(2)** Sen's approach to poverty **(3)** recommendations on policy measures that can be implemented to alleviate poverty in South Africa.
- In your conclusion shortly summarise the main issues and emphasise your main recommendations.

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SECTION B

(ANSWER SECTION B QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET) [50]

QUESTION 1 (25)

1.1 Compare and contrast the Korean and Taiwanese development models (15)

1.2 Explain how the attainment of education between rich and poor families lead to income inequality in the LDCs (10)

QUESTION 2 (25)

2.1 Discuss policies which could discourages rural-urban migration in the LDCs (15)

2.2 Discuss Kuznets inverted U-Shape curve, and explain if the rising segment of this curve imply that the poor suffer from economic growth. (10)

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