

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENT 2019 APK CAMPUS

Course: INDUSTRIAL POLICY: INSTRUMENTS, DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION

Course code: IDI9X01

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Marks: 40

Time: 3 hours

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Instructions:

1. Answer 4 of the following questions (2 on theoretical issues from section

A, 2 on applied topics from section B, of your choice)

Each question carries equal marks (10)

A) Theoretical Issues in Industrial Policy

- 1) Developing countries need structural change. However, nature, direction and pace of such a change will affect developmental outcomes. Critically discuss, providing examples.
- 2) Comparative advantage is a guideline, the more you deviate, the higher the cost. (Chang and Lin, 2009). Discuss, expressing your view on whether late developers should comply with or defy their comparative advantage. Provide examples.
- 3) Today, developing countries wishing to industrialise face both internal and external constraints to their policy space. Illustrate a few, and critically assess them.
- 4) The design of a sound industrial policy depends on the selection of targets, which must be clear, realistic, and measurable. Otherwise, likely outcomes might involve implementation failures and/or monitoring & evaluation issues. Engage with the statement, building on examples.
- 5) Facing a shrinking policy space, late industrialisers must be creative and draw on a wider set of direct and indirect industrial policy instruments. Elaborate on this statement, citing examples.

B) Applied Topics

- Africa's active participation in the 4th industrial revolution will strongly depend on skills development, technological education and digital access. Critically engage with the existing debate, supporting your arguments with examples.
- 2) In many African countries, local industrial development and successful transformation are hampered by significant barriers to entry, which make markets non-competitive. Discuss, building on at least one case study/example.
- 3) What is the ideal role of Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), and what are the main challenges they face? Refer to a specific context and/or actor where appropriate.
- 4) Vertical integration within GVCs cannot be successful without horizontal integration and the benefits of local development. Discuss, building on examples.
- 5) Sustainable industrial development will not occur without a serious consideration of its environmental impact and a proactive green innovation. However, this will involve a re-assessment of both production and consumption patterns. Focus on one example (policy or case study) and discuss its implications.

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Approved and signed on 29th April 2019 by Lotta Takala-Greenish.

