



**PROGRAM** : BACHELORS URBAN AND REGIONAL  
PLANNING (BURP)

**SUBJECT** : **SOCIOLOGY AND PLANNING 3A**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- All questions are compulsory.
- Read the questions carefully and present your answer in a clear and logical manner for respective sections of the questions.
- Any question can be answered first, however mark the question number clearly.

- Q1. In the last decade social dimensions of urban planning have become more topical in South African cities however, the deliberate incorporation of sociology into town planning discipline is relatively new and is still perceived as being the exception rather than the rule.

Taking the above into consideration, briefly discuss the significance of [urban] sociology in the urban and regional planning field. (15)

- Q2. Using your wider sociological knowledge, identify and explain similarities and differences between Marxist and functionalist approaches towards understanding challenges facing post-apartheid South African society. (15)

- Q3. Drawing insights from an article by De Santos (2007) titled “Beyond Abyssal Thinking”, critically reflect on Santos’s primary argument. In your answer, outline the concept of abyssal thinking and its application to the South African contemporary spatial form. (20)

- Q4. ‘We cannot wander at pleasure among the educational systems of the world, like a child strolling through a garden, and pick off a flower from one bush and some leaves from another, and then expect that if we stick what we have gathered into the soil at home, we shall have a living plant’ (King and McGarth, 2004:5)

Using the above statement as a starting point, reflect on how the decolonization of spatial planning knowledge in South Africa can be achieved.

(20)

- Q5. Outline David Harvey’s right to the city concept. To what extent does it engage with the dominant discourse of neoliberalism in cities of the Global South?

(15)

- Q6. What is social change? Discuss the agents of social change in societies around the globe. (15)

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