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SPATIAL PLANNING
SEMESTER1 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**

CENTRE: MAIN CAMPUS

CODE: PPB 1412

COURSE TITLE: PLANNING FOR INFORMALITY AND AFRICAN CITIES

EXAM VENUE: LAB 10 STREAM: SPATIAL PLANNING

DATE: 15/4/2025

EXAM SESSION: 15.00-17.00

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer question 1 (compulsory) and ANY other 2 questions.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

Question One

- a. Explain informality and describe the types of informal economic activities. (5 marks)
- b. Explain the characteristics of the informal sector and its relationship to socio-economic deprivation. (7 marks)
- c. Analyze the factors contributing to the growth of the informal sector in urban economies. (8 marks)

Question Two

- a. Highlight the causes and consequences of rural-urban migration in developing economies. (5 marks)
- b. Evaluate the dependency of informal settlements on the informal sector for economic sustenance. (7 marks)
- c. Propose measures to address the challenges posed by informality in city planning and management. (8 marks)

Question Three

- a. Identify the main barriers to addressing informality through institutional reforms. (6 marks)
- b. Discuss strategies to integrate informal sector activities into formal urban planning frameworks. (6 marks)
- c. Evaluate successful examples of participatory planning addressing issues of urban informality. (8 marks)

Question Four

- a. Discuss the role of city development projects in influencing informal settlements. (5 marks)
- b. Explain how insensitive institutional responses exacerbate informality in urban areas. (7 marks)
- c. Assess how linking land use planning with the informal sector can foster sustainable development. (8 marks)

Question Five

- a. Describe how informal settlements are influenced by land use planning and urban development projects. Provide examples to support your analysis. (6 marks)
- b. Evaluate the challenges faced by urban planners in addressing informality while maintaining sustainable development goals. (7 marks)
- c. Propose a participatory planning approach to integrate informal sector activities into urban planning frameworks. Justify your suggestions with case studies or real-world examples. (7 marks)