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TITLE OF PAPER : ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

COURSE TITLE : GEP 431

TIME ALLOWED : THREE HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS.
2. QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY.
ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM
SECTION B.
3. WHERE APPROPRIATE, ILLUSTRATE YOUR
ANSWER WITH DIAGRAMS.**

**MARK ALLOCATION : QUESTION ONE (1) CARRIES 40 MARKS THE
REST OF THE QUESTIONS CARRY 30 MARKS.**

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GEP 431 ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTION

QUESTION 1

“Cities drive national economies by creating wealth, enhancing social development and providing employment but they can also be breeding grounds for poverty, exclusion and environmental degradation.”(UN HABITAT 2009:4).

Discuss the validity of this statement.

[40 MARKS]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2

Using specific examples, discuss the most appropriate ways of measuring development in Southern Africa.

[30 MARKS]

QUESTION 3

By reference to Southern Africa, discuss the current status (2012) of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with respect to any three goals.

[30 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

By using specific examples from selected countries in Southern Africa, discuss the major threats to the countries' biodiversity.

[30 MARKS]

QUESTION 5

“There is a growing recognition within the SADC region that a community of states with common interests needs to facilitate the intra-regional movement of people, not just trade and investment, to further the process of economic integration and balanced regional development.” (Crush and Frayne 2012:2-3)

Discuss the validity of this statement.

[30 MARKS]