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**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, JULY 2012**

**TITLE OF PAPER: SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS**

**COURSE CODE: SOC 411**

**TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS**

**ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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**QUESTION 1**

Is Africa underdeveloped because it is primarily undemocratic? Or is Africa undemocratic because it is primarily underdeveloped? Discuss the cause and effect. Use sociological perspectives and concrete examples to support your views.

**QUESTION 2**

Discuss the differences and similarities between rich and poor countries in regards to social problems related to human development such as poverty, education and health.

**QUESTION 3**

The primary economic problem in Africa has never been structural adjustment. Discuss this statement using theoretical perspectives to support your views.

**QUESTION 4**

Describe the past history, current situation and projected trends regarding the tendency of humans to live in cities (urbanization). Discuss the problems associated with urban living.

**QUESTION 5**

"Alleviation of poverty is one of the fruits of democratized development and one of the gains when democracy and development are jointly stabilized and truly harmonized". Critically discuss this statement using feminist, conflict, functionalist perspectives.

**QUESTION 6**

You are asked to do a presentation to the Minister of Health regarding teenage pregnancy and baby dumping. Issues to be considered in your presentation should include among others

- i) What can society do to combat the problem of teenage pregnancy and also show sociological theories to support your views.
- ii) Secrecy around sexuality issues and its dangers
- iii) The costs of teenage pregnancy
- iv) Role of different social institutions with regards to this problem
- v) Concrete strategies that need to be adopted