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EXAMINATION PAPER 2023 EXAMINATIONS

Master of Social Science Degree in Development Studies (MSDS 118): Part 1
Semester 2

COURSE CODE : MSDS 118
COURSE TITLE : Rural Development
DURATION : 3 Hours
DATE : 11th OCT 2023

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer any 3 Questions.
2. Each question carries 25 Marks.
3. Start each question on a new page of your answer sheet.
4. Use relevant examples or case studies in answering your questions.

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1. 'A healthy and vibrant agricultural sector provides a critical basis for rural development.' In light of the above statement, prepare a concept note showing the nexus of agriculture and rural development and you should provide strong links with other economic sectors.
2. 'Empowering rural women is the way to go if it is to achieve sustainable economic growth and effective eradication of rural poverty in your community.' As a newly appointed development officer of a local NGO, prepare a funding proposal outlining activities to be done so as to empower rural women.
3. 'Growth Points can generally be defined as settlements (rural or urban) which central and local government consider to have potential for further development hence, need to be supported further through public and private sector investment.' As an aspiring Member of Parliament candidate critically unpack the significance of evaluate the plausibility of Growth Points as a rural development strategy.
4. Write a report to the Zimbabwean Parliament indicating what to consider when reviewing the agricultural policy of the country; include aspects that you would change, aspects that you would not change and new aspects that you would introduce to increase food security in the country.
5. Present a policy paper to the Minister of Tourism and the environment in Zimbabwe advising the office on the benefits and costs of Community-Based Natural Resource Management (CBRM) in improving the rural livelihoods through engagement of their own social, economic and environmental goals.

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