



ZIMBABWE EZEKIEL GUTI UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF HERITAGE AND SOCIETAL ADVANCEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, PROGRAMMING AND MANAGEMENT

EXAMINATION PAPER

Master of Science in Development Studies: Part 1 Semester 2

COURSE CODE : MSDS125
COURSE TITLE : Development Consultancy
DURATION : 3 Hours
DATE : 08 APR 2025

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

1. A development project you are consulting on is facing resistance from local stakeholders due to a lack of trust. Develop a communication plan to address their concerns and build trust.
2. A development project aimed at improving education outcomes in a low-income community has failed to achieve its objectives after two years. As a consultant, what steps would you take to identify the root causes of failure and recommend corrective actions?
3. Describe the key stages of a development consultancy project lifecycle. What are the critical success factors at each stage?
4. A microfinance program aimed at supporting women entrepreneurs has reported low repayment rates and limited impact on poverty reduction. Analyse the potential reasons for these challenges and propose solutions to improve the program's effectiveness.
5. A development project in an indigenous community has faced criticism for not considering local cultural practices and traditions. How would you redesign the project to ensure cultural sensitivity and community ownership?
6. Explain the concept of "sustainable development" and how development consultants can integrate sustainability principles into their projects. Provide a case study to illustrate your answer.

END OF PAPER

10/10AM