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EXAMINATION PAPER

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Development Studies: Part 1 Semester 1

COURSE CODE : ADS 113
COURSE TITLE : Governance and Development
DURATION : 3 Hours 25 NOV 2025
DATE :

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer any **THREE** questions only.
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. 'In ancient political philosophy, Plato emphasized the role of philosopher-kings as ideal rulers, while Aristotle favored a mixed government balancing monarchy, aristocracy, and polity. In modern Zimbabwe, leadership has often been concentrated within a single party for decades'. Discuss how these classical ideas help evaluate Zimbabwe's governance structure since independence? [25]
2. 'The state is expected to provide a legal and regulatory environment that supports business, while the private sector drives economic growth. In Zimbabwe, cartels have dominated certain industries'. Discuss how this undermined the principles of corporate governance and fair competition? [25]
3. Transparency is a cornerstone of good governance. Consider the allegations of vote manipulation during Zimbabwe's 2018 elections. Analyze how the lack of transparency affects citizens' trust in institutions? [25]
4. In 2008–2009, Zimbabwe experienced hyperinflation of historic proportions, forcing the adoption of a multi-currency system. Evaluate the governance failures contributed to this crisis, and discuss institutional reforms that could prevent its recurrence? [25]
5. Sanctions have reduced Zimbabwe's access to international credit, but internal governance failures remain the primary barrier to growth. Critically analyze whether lifting sanctions alone would solve Zimbabwe's development problems. [25]

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