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## FACULTY OF HERITAGE AND SOCIETAL ADVANCEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, PROGRAMMING AND MANAGEMENT

### EXAMINATION PAPER

**Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Development Studies: Part 1 Semester 2**

MODULE CODE : ADS 124  
MODULE TITLE : Civil Society and Private Sector in Development  
DURATION : 3 Hours  
DATE : 23 SEP 2025

#### 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. As a development policy expert, produce a policy brief on the major stumbling blocks faced by civil society organizations (CSOs) in influencing the development policy agenda in Zimbabwe.
2. In a nation where democratic space is already under suffocating pressure, Zimbabwe's new Private Voluntary Organisations (Amendment) Act, 2024 (PVO Act) arrives cloaked in the language of reform yet carries the sharp edges of state control. This is not merely a bureaucratic adjustment but a calculated move in a broader campaign to consolidate power and stifle dissent. Given such as background, debate the panorama that the PVO Act is out of sync with International standards for democracy and a threat to civil society groups.
3. Private-public partnerships are central to any meaningful development on various development projects. As a member of the Special Presidential advisory Committee, draft a white paper" using relevant examples from Zimbabwe.
4. The Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition, formed in response to increased state repression and election irregularities in the early 2000s, has been a key player in advocating for democratization in Zimbabwe. Despite challenges such as declining donor funding and government crackdowns, it has coordinated efforts among various CSOs to promote governance reforms. Discuss the challenges faces by CSOs in maintaining their relevance and effectiveness in governance and human rights issues. Suggest strategies that can be adopted to strengthen collaborations with other players such as the private sector.
5. The Private Sector has long been accused of implementing "White Elephant Projects" and forking out huge profits without promoting any meaningful development. As a representative of a Civil Society Watchdog who have been asked to speak on an online civic space engagement, share the insights you would share on the given topic.

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