

# **BINDURA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE EDUCATION**

## **FACULTY OF COMMERCE**

### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

**Programme:** BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS

**Course:** RURAL – URBAN ECONOMICS (EC 412) EXAMINATION

**Duration:** 3 HOURS

**Instructions to candidates**

 NOV 2023

1. Answer any **four** (4) questions
  2. All questions carry equal marks of 25
  3. Start a new answer on a fresh page
  4. No cellular phones are allowed in the examination room
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**Question 1**

- a) Describe briefly the essential assumptions and major characteristics of the Todaro model of rural-urban migration.  
[10 Marks]
- b) Discuss the policies that the Zimbabwean government might use in their attempts to moderate the heavy flow of rural to urban migration.  
[15 Marks]

**Question 2**

- a) With the aid of a diagram, explain why atmospheric pollution from urban road traffic is a negative externality.  
[10 Marks]
- b) Discuss the economic implication of the increase in the cost of urban traffic congestion, to the transport operations, other businesses and the Zimbabwe economy.  
[15 Marks]

**Question 3**

- a) Explain the economic effects of a region without cities.  
[10 Marks]
- b) Discuss the economic impacts of urbanization.  
[15 Marks]

**Question 4**

- a) Explain five causes of urban giantism.

[10 Marks]

- b) Discuss the sources of local government revenue in the urban economy.

[15 Marks]

**Question 5**

- a) Explain the major factors that lead to rural-urban imbalances.

[10 Marks]

- b) State and explain how government policies can make education more relevant to the real meaning of rural development.

[15 Marks]

**Question 6**

- a) Explain the economic effects of global cities.

[10 Marks]

- b) Discuss the extent to which encouraging tourism, oil and gas extraction are appropriate strategies to promote rural development.

[15 Marks]

**END OF EXAM**