

BINDURA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE EDUCATION

FACULTY OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

PROGRAMME

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS

MEC 504 (2): CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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- (i) Answer any four questions
  - (ii) All questions carry equal marks
  - (iii) Start each answer on a fresh page
  - (iv) Show all workings where applicable.
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**QUESTION 1**

Discuss policies Zimbabwe government can pursue to reduce unemployment rate amongst university graduates.

[25 Marks]

**QUESTION 2**

Critique Kaldor's Economic Development Model.

[25 Marks]

**QUESTION 3**

Critically discuss Lewis's explanation for the expansion of the industrial capitalist sector, and why critics think that the Lewis model overstates rural-urban migration and industrial expansion.

[25 Marks]

**QUESTION 4**

Although LDCs are diverse, they have some common characteristics that especially apply to low-income countries. Low-income economies tend to have a high percentage of production and labour force in agriculture, low savings rates and technology, relatively rapid population growth, relatively low literacy and skills, and poorly developed institutions. Discuss the implications of this on economic development.

[25 Marks]

**QUESTION 5**

Discuss the contemporary economic development issues bedevilling Zimbabwe and explain the applicability of economic theories underpinning the area of economic development.

[25 Marks]

**QUESTION 6**

Discuss the limitations on the use of monetary, fiscal, and incomes policies from attaining goals of output and employment growth and price stability in Zimbabwe.

[25 Marks]

**END OF EXAMINATION**