Main Examination: Oct/Nov 2018

Subject: Human Settlement 4

Paper: Dynamics of Human Settlement Planning

Course Code: HSH411

Instructions

1. Time: 3H30
2. Total Marks: 100
3. Please answer Three (3) questions only.
4. Anyone caught cheating will be disqualified and disciplinary measures will be taken.
5. Each answer must be a minimum of two and half pages long.
6. Write legibly.

Internal Examiner

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Question 1
Compare and contrast the planning systems of Chinese and American planners, with specific reference to the Shanghai region, and the Chicago Metropolitan region. In your answer pay attention to how each of the two planning systems accommodates public interests.

Question 2
South Africa is characterised by the prevalence of informal settlements in small towns and in bigger urban centres. To what extent can planning and planners eradicate this social challenge, or should their focus be on assisting with the planning of informal settlements?

Question 3
Critically discuss three factors that are, in your view, responsible for the continued under-development of the rural areas in South Africa. What role could planners and planning play to overcome these rural planning problems?

Question 4
Critically discuss the dangers of privileging local economic development as a major imperative in development planning. Make use of the work of Sarah Longlands to support your argument.

Question 5
Write 2-3 paragraphs on ANY FIVE of the concepts listed below:

(a) Community participation  
(b) Consultation  
(c) Plan [NB Not “planning”?]  
(d) Local knowledge  
(e) Human settlement  
(f) Local economic development  
(g) Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP)  
(h) Municipal Authority

Question 6
Discuss the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) with specific reference to human settlement planning and implementation. In your answer, pay specific attention to the shortcomings and achievements of the RDP, also highlighting how some of these shortcomings can be overcome in the future.