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INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Answer THREE (3) Questions
- (2) All questions are of equal value
- (3) Start the answer to each question on a new page

Four Questions are set. Answer THREE.

Question 1

- 1.1 Discuss the use of postmodern concepts, ideas and approaches in Urban Geographical discourse. (25)
- 1.2 Describe the importance of feminists interpretations in explaining the urban environment. (25)
- [50]

Question 2

- 2.1 Describe how Shatkin (1998) examined the impacts of globalization in generating polarization of socio-spatial outcomes and influencing patterns of urban development in the Global South. (25)
- 2.2 Explain the governance problems that have emerged in globalizing cities in the developing world and the challenges posed for various agencies e.g., social movements, Non-Governmental Organisations and local political actors. (25)
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Question 3

Friedman (2006) in his 'World city hypothesis' identified seven theses that bring focus into major contradictions of industrial capitalism.

Select and discuss any **two** theses from the list provided:

- 3.1. The form and strength of the city's integration (25)
- 3.2. Spatial and class polarization (25)
- 3.3. The world city growth generates social costs at rates that tend to exceed the fiscal capacity of the state (25)
- 3.4. Arrangement of world cities into a complex spatial hierarchy (25)
- [50]

Question 4

- 4.1 Smith (2001) argues that rather than viewing global cities as central expression of the global accumulation of capital, all cities can then be viewed in the fullness of their particular linkages with the worlds outside their boundaries.

Discuss how Smith (2001) criticized Friedman (2006) and Friedman and Wolff (2006) arguments on the original formulation of the global city hypothesis. [50]