Summer Examinations 2015

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Module Title: Development Economics
Level: Five
Time Allowed: Two hours

Instructions to students:

- Enter your student number not your name on all answer books.
- Answer three out of eight questions
- All questions are equally weighted.

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Answer **three** out of **eight** questions.

1. Should developing countries pursue a balanced or unbalanced approach to economic growth? Support your argument with reference to sub-Saharan African economies.

2. Critically assess the view that the main constraint that smallholders face in expanding production is low farm-gate prices.

3. ‘Land reform should focus on establishing private property rights to drive development and economic growth’. Evaluate this statement.

4. Identify and evaluate the different arguments for and against the use of industrial policy by sub-Saharan African governments.

5. ‘Participation in global value chains enhances developing countries’ reliance on primary exports’. Evaluate this statement.

6. Critically assess the view that microfinance has the potential to contribute to both economic development and poverty reduction.

7. Critically assess the contribution that remittances make to long-term economic development.

8. ‘The HIV/AIDS epidemic is a catastrophe for the economic prospects of Southern and East African countries’. Discuss this statement.