Examination Period 3: 2016/17

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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 any three questions
- All questions are equally weighted

No. of Pages: 2
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1. ‘Land redistribution efforts in Zimbabwe have not been the economic disaster they have been portrayed to be.’ Discuss this statement.

2. Critically discuss the assertion that market fundamentalism is now outdated and should be replaced by more interventionist approaches to promoting economic growth.

3. Should governments intervene to defy comparative advantage in order to promote industrialisation? Discuss with reference to the debate around Industrial Policy.

4. ‘The economic impact of the HIV epidemic is not as serious as anticipated by many analysts.’ Evaluate the validity of this statement with reference to Eastern and Southern Africa.

5. Does investment by MNEs in developing countries often serve to hinder their development by concentrating on low value-added activities?

6. Critically discuss the view that rural to urban migration brings economic benefits but social problems to many developing countries.

7. Examine the argument that microfinance should be actively encouraged as a tool to promote poverty reduction.

8. ‘As unemployment and under-employment are major impediments to economic growth and development, governments should prioritise policies that lead to greater participation in the labour market.’ Discuss.