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TITLE OF PAPER **URBAN REGENERATION**

COURSE CODE **TOWN 0034**

Date and Time **18th May 2007, start time 9.30 am**

Duration: **3 hours**

Answer FOUR questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

Candidates must comply with the ‘Instructions to Candidates’ printed on the examination answer book.

1. Examine and critically discuss the main economic and social trends and influences on population and employment change in urban areas in the UK over recent decades.
2. 'European experience suggests cities need to adopt a wide range of approaches and policies to encourage successful urban regeneration.'

Discuss this statement with reference to examples.

3. Critically discuss the view that 'the compact city is a widely accepted objective in urban renewal, but the issues and definitions surrounding this concept are often unclear and its drawbacks are often overlooked'.
4. Critically comment on the assertion that 'in a globalized world, cities have no control over their own destinies'.
5. "The overwhelming message in the sustainability literature is that the urban populations...can only be maintained through careful planning and management of resources at both global and local scales."
(Clark, D, 2003, *Urban world/ global city*, 2nd ed, p 208)

Assess this conclusion in the context of the city and sustainability debate.

6. The Egan Review: *Skills for Sustainable Communities (2004)* highlighted the need for further development in the generic skills of professional practitioners.

Discuss whether the high priority given to generic skills by Egan was justified.

7. Experience in the Thames Gateway suggests that attempting urban regeneration on a sub-regional scale is fraught with insurmountable difficulties and that the local empowerment of grass roots initiatives is a more successful template for achieving regeneration.

Critically discuss this statement.