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**Answer FOUR questions from eight.**

**All questions carry equal marks.**

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

1. Examine and discuss the main economic factors which may explain spatial variations in redevelopment activity across an urban area, and assess possible policy solutions to this problem.
2. 'Without help, historic buildings will inevitably fall into decay or face a continuing threat from urban redevelopment'.

Critically examine this statement with reference to the economic and public policy issues surrounding historic buildings.

3. Using examples, assess the relevance and value of cost benefit analysis in decision-making about major public sector investment decisions.
4. 'Think globally, act locally.'  
Critically discuss this statement in the context of the role of individual and local action as a basis for providing solutions to environmental concerns.
5. Critically assess the contention that 'market forces will solve regional problems'.
6. 'Reform of the planning system in England continues to remain essential if the required numbers and quality of new housing is to be met.'  
Discuss this assertion in the context of the planning and housing debate in England.
7. Critically discuss the view that development control 'toolkits' used to assess a site's potential for delivering affordable housing are an unjustifiable limitation on developers' profit expectations.
8. 'Proposals to implement Planning Gain Supplement with a reduced planning obligations regime are necessary to replace the inconsistent system of section 106 agreements currently in place.'

Critically evaluate this statement.