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Urbanism**

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Level **Postgraduate**

TITLE OF PAPER **DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS AND PLANNING**

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Date and Time **Wednesday 10th May 2006, start 2 pm**

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. Explain and critically discuss the usefulness of cost-benefit analysis in assessing conservation projects of public interest.
2. With reference to economic theory, examine the case for public sector intervention to promote the redevelopment of brownfield sites.
3. Examine the economic factors influencing the rehabilitation and renovation of existing buildings and assess the main considerations that need to be made regarding alternative development solutions.
4. Critically review the effectiveness of local responses to providing a sustainable environment.
5. 'Effective regional policy requires an appropriate theoretical basis.'
Discuss and comment on this statement in the context of alternative theories of regional change.
6. 'The planning system is a significant hindrance to the provision of the required number and quality of housing in the UK.'

Discuss.

7. Discuss the contention that 'planning obligations are unfair, unreasonable, unnecessary and irrelevant to good planning.'
8. Critically comment on the effectiveness of recent changes in processes and practice to enhance urban design in the UK.