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INSTRUCTIONS

Please write clearly and legibly!

Read each question carefully before answering it.

You **MUST** answer each QUESTION as specifically directed.

Make sure your Student Number is on the EXAMINATION BOOKLET(s).

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(d). All the following are major expected outcomes associated with Namibia's Vision 2030 document **except:** (1)

- (i) Technological advancement
- (ii) Industrialisation
- (iii) Prosperity
- (iv) Peace and political stability

(e). is one of the primary guiding criteria employed in the delimitation of planning regions. (1)

- (i) Diversity
- (ii) Technology
- (iii) Homogeneity
- (iv) Resource mobilisation

(f). Which of the following is **not** one of the reform areas associated with Namibia's financial sector strategy? (1)

- (i) Skills development
- (ii) Provision of financial safety nets
- (iii) Policy reorientation
- (iv) Financial inclusion

(j). Which of the following is **not** a major factor influencing the development of small and medium scale enterprises? (1)

- (i) Firm characteristics
- (ii) Ecological footprint
- (iii) Management decisions
- (iv) Owner characteristics

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Question 2

Specify whether the following statements are true or false.

(a). The basic sector of the economy merely redistributes existing wealth and does not create new prosperity. (1)

(b). Most of Namibia's micro, small and medium scale enterprises are concentrated in the regions of Khomas, Oshana, Omusati and Ohangwena. (1)

(c). The term "informal sector" was first coined by Keith Hart in 1973 while studying the activities of the urban poor in Accra, Ghana. (1)

(d). Competitive advantage refers to the advantages in exporting goods to another country. (1)

Question 4

List the five main steps entailed in a strategic planning model.

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Question 5

Outline the five main theories of economic growth and development.

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Question 6

List the five main elements of a local economic development strategy.

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Question 7

Outline any five existing weaknesses in Namibia's financial system, as identified by the 2011-2021 Namibia Financial Sector Strategy.

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(ii) Discuss the relative advantages and disadvantages associated with the approach to planning entailed in Vision 2030. (3)

(iii) What are the expected outcomes associated with Vision 2030; and how realistic are they? (4)

Or:

(b). Namibia's NDP5 policy document is based on the following four pillars:

- Economic progression
- Social transformation
- Environmental sustainability
- Good governance

(i) List any three of the specific outcomes for rural economic development associated with economic progression under NDP5. (3)

(ii) Discuss the strategies and actions entailed in social transformation according to the NDP5 document. (3)

(iii) Briefly state the objective associated with environmental sustainability under the NDP5 document. (1)

(iv) Outline any three of the envisaged outcomes associated with good governance under NDP5. (3)

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(b) The social sector in Kunene's economy is associated with the following challenges:

Challenges	Details
Housing challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High cost of building houses and low loan repayment rates • Vastness of the region in terms of supplying building materials to settlement areas • Unserviced plots in settlements and urban areas
Health and social services challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortage of human resources (doctors and other health workers) • Remote and hard to reach areas • Lack of public transport to health facilities • Lack of specialised health services and practitioners
Education and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High staff turnover and shortage of qualified teachers • Staff accommodation shortages • Bad road and school infrastructure • Limited tertiary institutions

As the planner charged with formulating an economic development strategy for Kunene Region,

(i) Use the attraction and/or new market model(s) to discuss how you would deal with the above problems. (4)

(ii) Based on one or more of the four strategic options for local economic development, propose any **three** measures for dealing with the above challenges. (6)

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