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<b>COURSE CODE:</b>	CAC610S	<b>COURSE NAME:</b>	COMPARATIVE AFRICAN CITIES
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<b>DURATION:</b>	3 HOURS	<b>MARKS:</b>	100

<b>FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER</b>	
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<b>INSTRUCTIONS</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Answer ALL the questions.</li><li>2. Read all the questions carefully before answering.</li><li>3. Number the answers clearly and legibly</li></ol>

**THIS EXAM PAPER CONSISTS OF 4 PAGES (Including this front page)**

**Question 1**

Select an African city discussed during the course (Cairo, Lagos, Kinshasa, Abuja, Cape Town) and **explain** the major **planning issues/ challenges** faced by the city, as well as **solutions** the authorities proposed for these challenges.

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**Question 2**

Edgar Pieterse (*Filling the Void: an Agenda for Tackling African Urbanisation*, 2014) holds that: "The urban poor who eke out a livelihood in Africa's slums arguably pay the highest transaction cost to be in the city: a clear manifestation of the systematic failure of states and the market."

Discuss the five (5) primary drivers of urban policy failure in Africa according to Edgar Pieterse.

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**Question 3**

Sue Parnell responds to questions in a video on her book "Africa's Urban Revolution".

Discuss five (5) of her arguments on the role of planners and the state in preventing Africa's cities turning into "Slum Cities".

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**Question 4**

Lagos in Nigeria is a coastal city that became the first capital city of Nigeria in 1861. The city has grown over the years into a mega-city.

- a) Describe some of the challenges that Lagos faces today due to this rapid urbanisation. (10)
- b) Identify some of the solutions that the administration of Lagos is implementing to address these challenges. (5)

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**Question 5**

Define what you understand under the following concepts.

- a) The Sahel (2)
- b) Colonialism (2)

- c) Sanitation syndrome (3)

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### **Question 6**

In their 2017 study titled *Colonial legacies: Shaping African Cities (2017)*, the researchers examined the impact of colonial legacies on African cities and compared the influences in Anglophone cities with those in Francophone cities.

Compare Francophone and Anglophone cities based on form, land use and management.

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### **Question 7**

- a) Explain the vitally important role that “walling/ walls” played in the development of African urban life. (3)
- b) Discuss the special advantages narrow streets had in pre-colonial African cities. (3)

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### **Question 8**

Cairo in Egypt is one of Africa’s Megacities. Cairo is a complex city with a blend of old and new and eastern and western influences. In 2009, 63% of the population of Cairo lived in informality.

- a) Explain the reasons/ causes of the high rate of informality within Cairo. (5)
- b) Describe the three (3) phases of transformation of Cairo. (9)
- c) Discuss the National and Regional role of Cairo. (6)

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### **Question 9**

Development Workshop Namibia (2017) explores ways to make Namibian urban development more socially just and inclusive in the book *Informal Settlements in Namibia: Their Nature and Growth*.

Discuss the seven (7) recommendations made in the book to manage the challenges of informal settlement growth for orderly development of towns in Namibia.

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**Question 10**

As a whole Africa is urbanising rapidly, but the pace and shape of the trend differs very much between countries.

Name the three (3) indicators, used by the African Development Bank, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the United Nations Development Programme, to categorise countries to better display the varying contexts of urbanisation.

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**TOTAL MARKS**

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