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BSc degrees and Diplomas for Graduates in Economics, Management, Finance and the Social Sciences, the Diploma in Economics and Access Route for Students in the External Programme

Information and Communication Technology Policy (half unit)

Wednesday, 24 May 2006 : 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following **SIX** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Critically discuss the ways through which governments can promote use of ICT in a country.

2. Outline and critically discuss two areas of ICT policy pursued in one of the countries or international institutions you have studied in terms of their economic and social validity.

3. Outline the Schumpeterian perspective of the role of technology for economic growth. Discuss, more specifically, the significance attributed to ICT within this perspective.

4. Why is software copyright legislation important? Why are some countries reluctant to introduce such legislation or mechanisms to enforce it?

5. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Indian software industry. How has the Indian Government contributed in the emergence of this successful industry?

6. Outline the arguments for liberalization of the telecommunications industry. Why are many developing countries unable to build an adequate telecommunication infrastructure?