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**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**

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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**

**Urban Geography**

Thursday, 1 June 2006 : 2.30pm to 5.30pm

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

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1. Examine the extent to which urban economies today have to be understood in the context of global economic change.
2. Examine the extent to which urban geographical theory is overly reliant on generalisations based on American cities.
3. 'Gentrification is a global urban process.' Discuss.
4. 'First World cities can suffer from some of the same problems as Third World cities.' Discuss.
5. 'Globalisation is the main urban economic force impacting Third World cities today.' Discuss.
6. Outline the implications of population and demographic change for the residential and social structure of **either** (a) First World cities **or** (b) Third World cities.
7. Compare and contrast **two** or **more** different government policies in the Third World that seek to improve slum conditions.
8. Assess the impact of post-modern theory on urban geography in the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century and early 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
9. Outline the impact of new gender divisions of labour on **either** (a) First World cities **or** (b) Third World cities.
10. Give reasons for the relative decline of the central business district (CBD) as a commercial centre in Western cities in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

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