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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

M.Sc. DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

PAPER : **The Form and Formation of Cities**
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DURATION: **3 Hours**

This paper consists of eight questions. Answer any THREE of the following questions. All questions carry equal marks

1. Using a city of your choice analyse the major factors in its initial location and subsequent growth in spatial extent and physical formation.
2. How are the major functions of urban areas expressed in the spatial organisation and urban form of cities? Illustrate with examples.
3. The spatial and physical pattern of economic activities and residential areas in cities changed dramatically during the nineteenth century from those of many centuries before, and changed radically again during the twentieth century. Clarify what explains such changes.
4. Compare and contrast the factors influencing the formation and form of cities in any two global regions, in the 'pre-modern', and then the 'modern' eras.
5. Discuss with examples the many direct and indirect forms in which political power, government policies and administrative regulations have influenced the growth and form of cities.
6. Analyse the relationship between theories, models and empirical data in the search for more powerful explanatory and predictive capacities in urban planning and design.
7. Many and varied have been the proposals for achieving a better functioning, more desirable and more 'sustainable' way of building, and living in future cities. Suggest some convincing criteria by which to evaluate such proposals.
8. Under what circumstances, and in which places, can forms of 'developmental', 'entrepreneurial' and 'enabling' styles of urban design be practiced?

END OF PAPER