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Comprehensive exam

Cities-Life, Issues and Conflicts (HSSF371) (Open book)

20.12.2022 (10:00 AM – 1.00 PM)

Total marks 40

Answer any four questions:

Word limit (400-500 words)

1. Critically examine the relation between globalization and the development of global cities. (10)
2. Discuss the ecological perspective of understanding the city. Examine the nature of urban metabolism in a city space. (5+5)
3. Critically examine the concept of inclusive cities with reference to women and elderly in cities. (10)
4. Examine the major causes of household relocation in cities. Discuss the spatial bias in the relocation or the search for the new home. (5+5)
5. Discuss the two alternative theoretical explanations of gentrification. Discuss displacement as a major consequence of gentrification. (6+4)
6. Examine the association between poverty and deprivation and other dimensions of urban decline. Discuss the concept of “the underclass”. (6+4)
7. How do immigrants maintain ethnic identification and solidarity? Examine the role of ethnic enclaves for the immigration. (4+6)
8. “Smart Sustainable Cities (SSC) should be seen as an aggregate concept”-Critically examine the statement. (10)