

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO**

**B.A. EXAMINATIONS**

**GES3380: PLANNING THEORY**

**MAY 2023**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 3HRS**

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Answer question **any four** questions

**QUESTION 1**

- i) What is the difference between technical and contextual knowledge? (5)
- ii) Discuss only **one** pillar of planning by Beauregard (2020) that you consider to be the most prevalent in each of the following theories:
- a) Rational planning (10)
- b) Communicative planning (10) **[25]**

**QUESTION 2**

Eric Reade (1983) is arguably one of the finest critiques of rational planning theory to date. He dismisses the following constituent ideas of rational planning as not being sufficient to render planning as a unique and distinctive method of making public decisions: These are:

- Planning implies an explicitly stated desired outcome (5)
- Planning stresses forecasting (5)
- Planning accords a greater role to experts (5)
- Planning emphasises monitoring and evaluation of policy (5)
- Planning stresses rationality (5)

Summarise the main issues of Reade's discontent with each of the above constituent ideas. **[25]**

**QUESTION 3**

Mention and discuss any five significant problems that are likely to be encountered with the practical application of stakeholder/collaborative approaches to public sector decision-making in the urban and regional planning. Support your discussion with relevant examples from your reading. **[25]**

**QUESTION 4**

You have recently been recruited as the Director Local Economic Development in City Y. The City Council requests you to advise them on how to address the problem of disinvestment from their city, that is characterized by massive retail and industrial closures resulting in, amongst others, loss of employment. At college you were fascinated by the idea of urban

entrepreneurialism. Informed by this paradigm, discuss the strategy that you would recommend to your employers (the Council of City Y) in order to halt further city decline and to attract new investment? Motivate the strategy of your choice by reference to examples of good practice(s) (i.e. where your strategies have produced positive results) from your reading. **[25]**

#### **QUESTION 5**

Write an essay on multiculturalism. In your essay say what it is that you found interesting with the theory. Identify specific areas in which you could use the ideas in the theory to influence planning practice in your city. **[25]**

#### **QUESTION 6**

- i) What is the difference between wicked and tame problems? Provide illustrations to clarify your answer. **(5)**
- ii) Discuss any four characteristics of wicked problems according to Rittel & Webber (1973). Provide illustrations to liven up your discussion. **(20) [25]**