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SOC 222: SOCIAL CHANGE II

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1) According to W.W.Rostow, it is possible to identify all countries as lying within clearly definable stages of development. Discuss.

2) What do you understand by the term cultural lag and what is the major Criticism raised against this theory?

3) Into which of this stages does Nigeria fit and why?

4) What are the major factors that lead the growth of an urban area?

5) Why has Nigeria remained underdeveloped despite her rich human and material resources?

6) Which community will you identify as Urban?

7) The Wealth and poverty of nations result from the global process of exploitation. Discuss.

8) What are the major factors that lead to the growth of urban areas?

9) What is development?

10) Do you share the view that urban life affects the personality of the urban dweller?

11) What is Underdevelopment?

12) Are the effects of urbanization on the urban dweller always negative?

13) Choose any two Social change theories and state how they best explain the process of social change?

14) Social Change can be explained with the concept of Cultural lag. Discuss this position in Nigerian context.

15) What according to Duddly Seers are the basic questions to ask about a Country’s development?

16) Choose any Modernization theory you are familiar with and briefly explain what the process of modernization entails.

17) Which historical events best explain the development of underdevelopment in the Third World Countries?

18) Give a brief Synopsis on the Dependency Theory.
19) What are the major sources of social change?
20) What are the main theses of the World system theory?

ANSWERS
1) W.W. Rostow posited in his theory on development that it is possible to identify all countries as lying within five clearly definable stages of development.

2) Students are expected to state which stage of development Nigeria fits into and why.

3) Students are to adduce well thought out reasons why Nigeria has remained underdeveloped despite her rich human and material resources.

4) The dependency theorists believe that the wealth and poverty of nations result from the global process of exploitation.

5) Development in economic terms means the capacity of a national economy to generate and sustain an annual increase in its gross national income (GNI).

6) Underdevelopment is an economic situation in which there are persistent low levels of living, in conjunction with absolute poverty.

7) Two social change theories that best explains the process of social change are:
   - The classical theory of change.
   - The mainstream theory of change.

8) According to Duddy Seers, the basic questions to ask about a country’s development are:
   - What has been happening to poverty?
   - What has been happening to unemployment?
What has been happening to income inequality?

9) The historical events that best explains the development of underdevelopment in Third World countries are:
   - The Era of Slave Trade.
   - The Era of Colonialism.
   - Neo-Colonialism(post-independent Era)

10) The major sources of Social change are:
    - Population growth and migration.
    - Natural Environment.
    - Conflict: Man-made disaster.
    - Culture
    - Education
    - Technology