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SOC 425: URBANIZATION AND LABOUR MIGRATION

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1. Using any two theories of urban ecological processes, explain the concept of "urbanism as a way of life".

2. Critically evaluate the models of urban growth theories and their applicability in structuring urban planning processes in Nigeria.

3. Critically evaluate the statement that urban development in Nigeria does not result from industrialization, modernization and technological development.

4. Discuss the core factors that constitute urban ecological processes and the attendant challenges they create for urban development and the people living in cities.

5. Discuss the merits and demerits of the sociological perspectives of urbanization.

ANSWERS

Answer 1

Introduction.

Discussion of two out of the three theories of urban ecological processes which includes urban-anomie theory, compositional and sub-cultural theories and their key features.

Critique of each theory and their applicability to people living in the city.

Conclusion.

Answer 2

Introduction.

Discussion of the key components of the four models of urban ecological growth which include the concentric-zone model, wedged-shaped model, multiple-nuclei and peripheral model.

How do they help to model urban planning in Nigeria.

Conclusion.

Answer 3

Introduction.

Discussion of the origin of cities, factors that influence the development of urban cities and centres, including examining whether urban growth in Nigeria followed the pattern of growth of cities in other parts of the world.

Discussion of those factors that undermine urban growth in Nigeria.

Conclusion.

Answer 4

Introduction.

Discussion of the factors of dominance, competition, invasion and succession which influences land use, planning and their attendant consequences in shaping the outlook of cities.

Discussion of these challenges and their effects on patterns of urban development

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Conclusion

Answer 5

Introduction.

Discussion of the functionalist, conflict and symbolic interactionist perspectives of urbanization.

Discussion of their merits and demerits.

Conclusion.