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NTCS610 ETHICS AND DEVELOPMENT

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 5 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do **NOT** write your name on the answer sheet
2. Answer **ONE** Question
3. Credit will be given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

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1. Arturo Escobar (1994), a post developmentalist, argues that the Eurocentric concept of development has destroyed our culture, threatened sustainability of natural environment and created people of the global South to be inferior. According to him, this, has helped the countries in the global North to dominate economic, social and political systems of the World.
 - a) Use the case study of China that you studied in this course and any other African countries of your choice to demonstrate your understanding of this grand vision of development and the ethical issues it raises for countries in the global South, especially in Africa. **[40]**
 - b) Do a Christian ethical assessment of any two [2] development theories that you studied in this course in which you highlight clearly the ethical issues raised by each development theory and practice of the same. **[60]**

2. The Africa Union invited several stakeholders including churches in Africa to contribute towards the realization of the *Africa Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want*. David Crocker (2006) defines development ethics as the normative or ethical assessments of the ends and means of third world global development. The questions raised being: “What should take place in the third world, what ends should poor countries pursue?
 - a) With reference to relevant biblical texts, discuss the biblical and theological reasons that should motivate the church in Africa to participate in the development process and the specific role of the church in that process. **[40]**
 - b) Demonstrate your understanding of development ethics by analysing the church’s development practice in light of Steve de Gruchy’s spirituality of development and the implication it has on the ethical execution of development practice. **[60]**

3. Bottom-up approaches to development have gained popularity among development practitioners in Sub-Saharan Africa. Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is defined by some as a bottom-up way of working with communities that focuses on community strengths and assets. According to Steve de Gruchy, the church is a critical asset in community development.
 - a) Do an ethical assessment of the suitability of Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach to development for a community that you know very well. **[50]**
 - b) Use specific examples to illustrate how five gifts that the church brings to community development can be used in a practical way to promote community development. **[50]**

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