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Vellore Institute of Technology
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Final Assessment Test – November 2024

Course: **BHUM108L - Urban Community Development**

Class NBR(s): **5528 / 5529**

Time: **Three Hours**

Slot: **C2+TC2**

Max. Marks: **100**

- **KEEPING MOBILE PHONE/ELECTRONIC GADGETS, EVEN IN 'OFF' POSITION IS TREATED AS EXAM MALPRACTICE**
- **DON'T WRITE ANYTHING ON THE QUESTION PAPER**

Answer ALL Questions

(10 X 10 = 100 Marks)

1. Discuss the concept of urbanisation and industrialisation and its historical background.
2. Define Municipality, and Corporation. List out at least three key features that differentiate them from one another.
3. Examine the key challenges faced by Metropolitan Development Authorities encountered in urban planning and development. Discuss potential strategies to address these challenges effectively.
4. Describe the key characteristics of urbanism and provide an example of how these characteristics manifest in a specific urban environment.
5. Discuss the key objectives of the Urban Development Policy in India. How it aims to address urban challenges?
6. Discuss the different classifications of cities and explain how each classification reflects socio-economic and cultural characteristics.
7. Assess the role of recent urban reforms in fostering sustainable urban development. Discuss successes and shortcomings and provide recommendations for improvement.
8. Develop a set of actionable strategies to enhance access to clean water and sanitation facilities for residents of urban slums. Discuss how these solutions can improve overall public health and quality of life
- 9.a) Assess various policies implemented to combat homelessness in urban areas, discussing their successes and limitations. Provide recommendations for improving these policies based on your evaluation.

OR

- 9.b) Critically analyse the nature, functioning and challenges of JNNURM in dealing with urban community development issues.
- 10.a) Do you believe that Smart City projects and programs have succeeded in making the cities and towns more inclusive across class, regions and ethnic identities? Explain with examples.

OR

- 10.b) Design a policy change aimed at tackling a significant contemporary issue (e.g., pollution, food insecurity, access to healthcare). Discuss the rationale behind the change, potential challenges and how it could be implemented.