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Time allowed: 3 hours

Use a separate answer book for this paper.

Answer **four** questions.

1. Understanding the nature of the new e-economy demands finding a balance between fanatics and skeptics. Explain.
2. In what ways are work and employment being transformed in informational societies?
3. Explain why the role of ICTs in stimulating development can be that of a two-edged sword.
4. The new technologies are far from overcoming the reality of geography. Discuss critically.
5. **Either**
  - (a) While both are related, the development of IT and the restructuring of capitalism were autonomous developments. Explain.

**or**

- (b) Examine some of the interrelationships between globalisation, economic restructuring and the new ICTs.

6. Explain how the European Commission is facilitating the development of the Information Society in less favoured regions.
7. Examine the role of state policy in the exploitation of ICTs in Ireland's economic development.
8. There is little chance for a country or region to develop in the new economy without its incorporation into the technological system of the information age. Discuss critically.
9. How can rural areas benefit from telematics applications?
10. The information economy is an overwhelmingly urban-based phenomenon. Discuss critically.