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Third Year

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Time allowed: TWO hours

Answer THREE questions

1. Describe some of the methods used in measuring regional disparities. Discuss the likely behaviour of disparities over time.
2. One of the predictions of the maximum profit plant location theory is that high cost locations tend to be inhabited by small-scale firms. Show this result.
3. Identify the evaluation issues that are likely to arise when assessing policies directed at generating new employment in disadvantaged regions.
4. European integration may well exacerbate regional problems because high common market wage standards [and other common labour market measures] will make for inflexible wages and labour markets in the disadvantaged regions and thus result in poor growth and increases in unemployment. Discuss.
5. "In tourism and regional development, the case for intervention arises when private markets fail to provide public goods, when externalities are created, or when information asymmetries occur. The latter is particularly apposite in the case of rural tourism." (Fleisher and Felsenstein, 2000, Support for Rural Tourism). Discuss their argument.
6. Show how input-output analysis can help to provide a better understanding of, say, the tourism industry and its connections with local and regional economies.