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TI 312 The Geographies of Rural Development

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Time allowed: 1.5 hours
Answer 2 questions

1. The entire relationship between space and society is called in to question in contemporary understandings of 'rural'. Outline briefly what you understand by this statement.
2. In an increasingly urbanised society, why bother with rural development?
3. 'Doubts have been expressed about the extent to which community empowerment or community development is possible without a reorganisation and decentralisation of systems of governance and power'. Discuss
4. Recent policy documents relating to rural development in Ireland are more rhetoric than strategy and will do little to ensure the future of rural Ireland? Discuss making reference to the White Paper *'Ensuring the Future – a strategy for rural development in Ireland'* and the National Development Plan 2000-2006.