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**Master's Degree in Rural Development
Second Year Examination**

**FOURTH PAPER (MI503)
Planning for Rural Development**

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Time allowed: TWO hours.

TWO questions to be answered, one from each section.

Use separate answer books for each question.

Section A

1. (a) Describe what you know about Ireland's Urban and Village Renewal Programme.
(b) Do you think that it has been a catalyst for participatory planning since its introduction in 1995, and if so, why?
(c) Discuss ways in which you think the participatory aspects of the Programme could be improved upon.

2. There are many ways in which local communities can become involved in planning for their own town, village or rural area. These include:
 - participation in the preparation of Development Plans/Local Area Plans,
 - Urban and Village Renewal, Tidy Towns Competitions,
 - Amenity Grant Schemes,
 - Conservation and Heritage Grant /Award Schemes organized by the local authority, Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government, and the Heritage Council.Discuss the benefits and limitations of at least two of these methods of engagement having particular regard to participatory issues.

3. The provision, planning and design of public open space in towns and villages can provide a stimulus to participatory planning. Discuss.

Section B

1. Critically assess how sustainable development principles can be applied to rural planning in Ireland with specific reference to landscape management and to the rural housing debate.
2. Consider how far planning policies of steering new development to villages and urban centres within rural Ireland, and restraining it in remoter areas, is compatible with the tenets of 'Sustainability'.