

HOME EXAM – UT203: COMPARATIVE REGIONAL ANALYSIS

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Submission of exam paper in Wiseflow

For your exam in UT-203, you will write an essay of 2,500 to 3,000 words that addresses the core themes, perspectives and case studies introduced in the course. You will proceed as follows:

1. Select one of the countries, or continents, introduced in the course to serve as the main case study of your essay.
2. Select one of the five assignments listed below:
 - Explain Harvey's use of "accumulation by dispossession", and how the concept may be used to elucidate variation in development. Discuss how the concept may be relevant when discussing the development of indigenous people.
 - Describe how Collier's terms "landlockedness, resource poorness, cultural heterogeneity" may explain variation in development and discuss the relevance of these terms for socio-economic development.
 - Explain the term "Developmental state" and discuss the prominence of democratic versus non- democratic forms of government when facilitating for reducing poverty and inequality.
 - Discuss how the conditionality clauses attached to the loans provided by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund under the Structural Adjustment Programs has impacted on development in the global South.
 - Explain how there may be different discourses on development in a given society at a certain time, and discuss how these discourses struggle to challenge the hegemonic discourse on development prevalent in the society.

Your essay should present a critical discussion of the selected theme in the context of the country or continent you have chosen as your case study. You are expected to make relevant comparative references to other countries, continents or regions in order to substantiate your argument. You should base your analysis on theoretical concepts introduced in the course, related and relevant academic literature, as well as statistical data that is relevant to your analysis and argument.

Please ensure that your essay is based on high-quality materials, such as course readings and other academic literature, lecture notes, serious journalism, and data provided by internationally recognized institutions.

Note that Wikipedia is not considered an appropriate source of data for academic essays. Please reference your essay carefully, using either or APA/Harvard or Chicago style of referencing, and provide a complete alphabetical bibliography towards the end of your essay. Remember, Wiseflow automatically check for plagiarism (do not “cut and paste” without using quotation marks and proper referencing). For this assignment; please, do not use more than 15% direct quotation and use no more than two references that are not English.

Please adhere to the following style guide:

- Use Verdana font, size 10, line spacing 1.5.
- Your essay should be presented with justified margins (flush left and right margins).
- Make sure that quotes that run across more than two lines are presented as indented quotations, and use double quotation marks for short in-text quotes.
- Use the following system for headings and sub-headings:

TITLE OF THE ESSAY

1: MAIN HEADING

1.1: Sub-Heading, level 1

1.1.1: Sub-Heading, level 2