The exam has 2 parts, with a total of 7 questions. Please use the final pages if you need more space.

Section 1: Identifications (10 points each) Very briefly define the concept and indicate its importance for interpreting Africa’s development experience between independence and 1995. These are short: a few sentences is enough!

1. Urban bias

2. Agencies of restraint

3. Structural adjustment
4. Export marketing boards

Section 2. Short essays (20 points each)
5. Subramanian and Roy consider a set of alternative explanations for the Mauritian miracle: Meade, Sachs, Romer, Rodrik. Weighing this debate, what do you feel were the most important drivers of success in Mauritius?
6. Bates argued in 1981 that African leaders were choosing economic policies that stifled agricultural development and created many more losers than winners in the domestic economy. What policies is Bates talking about, and why were they chosen? Summarize his argument and identify what you feel is its weakest point.
7. In 1966, Kenyan politician Tom Mboya wrote the following:

“... we in East Africa have sovereign states with democratic constitutions guaranteeing equality for all citizens but we still have to achieve complete nationhood. Such nationhood requires commitment, a sense of identification and the submerging of tribal as well as racial loyalties to national loyalty. It is for this reason that we must seek to ensure that our political and Government institutions create the desired response among our people and persuade and assure them that their interests, security and welfare lie within the nation state instead of the tribe or race. Somehow this point has not quite been reached.”

Address to the East African Academy Fourth Symposium, at Makerere University College, Kampala, Uganda, September 19, 1966.

With the benefit of hindsight, Wangari Maathai and Edward Miguel both address the relationship between tribal and national identity in East Africa. What are their views? Whose argument do you find more convincing – Maathai’s or Miguel’s – and why?