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Winter Examinations 2012/13

Module Title: Development Economics 3A

Module Code: BULD7010

School: Building & Civil Engineering

Programme Title: Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying
Bachelor of Science in Construction Management

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Instructions: **Please answer THREE questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

Duration: 2 Hours

Sitting: Winter 2012

Requirements for this examination:

Note to Candidates: Please check the Programme Title and the Module Title to ensure that you have received the correct examination.
If in doubt please contact an Invigilator.

Q1. 'The market for Real Estate / Property is Volatile'.
Discuss why this is the case (33 marks)

Q2. (i) List the factors that need to be considered when valuing property. (16 marks)

(ii) The more attractive the prospect of the underlining values the higher will be the value / price of property. Discuss. (17 marks)

Q3. You have been presented with the following forecast information for Irish Precast Products for the year ended 31st November 2013

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Fixed Costs	800
Variable Costs	5,000
Sales (250,000 Units)	7,000

(a) Calculate the following
(i) The break-even point in value and unit terms. (10 marks)
(ii) The margins of safety in value terms and in units. (10 marks)

(b) Prepare a break-even chart. (13 marks)

Q4. Illustrate and discuss "Rostow's Stages" of Economic growth. (33 marks)