

MANIPAL UNIVERSITY

SEVENTH SEMESTER B. ARCH. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MAY 2016

SUBJECT: ARC 405 – HOUSING
(2010 SCHEME)

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Time: 14:00 – 17:00 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 50

- ✍ Answer any FIVE questions.
✍ Answer all parts of a question.

- 1A. Brief upon some socio-economic arguments against Rent Control Act.
1B. Why is housing as an economic activity considered an engine of growth for our nation? Discuss the factors affecting housing market.
(5+5 = 10 marks)
2. Draw comparisons between key features of housing micro-loans and housing loans of formal credit institutions. Explain the significance of housing micro-finance in Indian context.
(10 marks)
- 3A. Discuss the features of Dharavi as a self-sustainable slum. Explain the same in terms of socio economic context.
3B. How do you set a benchmark on what an affordable house is? With supporting arguments, establish the need for affordable housing in India.
(5+5 = 10 marks)
- 4A. Differentiate between the terms “housing need” and “housing demand”. Also describe the factors that affect housing demand.
4B. F.A.R. is sometimes referred to as “the safe load for cities”. Explain why. Further, comment on the use of F.A.R. as a tool for solving housing shortage.
(5+5 = 10 marks)
- 5A. Elaborate on the stages of evolution of Indian Government’s attitude and approach towards housing since mid-1980s to now.
5B. If land availability, construction and associated costs are the prime stakeholder concerns in affordable housing projects, suggest a few points to address these concerns.
(5+5 = 10 marks)
6. Write short notes on:
6A. Bottom-up approach in tackling slums
6B. Affordable housing in Partnership
6C. Role of HUDCO
6D. Prefabrication and low-cost housing
(3+3+2+2 = 10 marks)

