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**The Population question and the Future of the Urban
Development in Egypt: A Social Study of the Trends
of Change during the Period from 1976 to 2016**

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Abstract

The relationship between the population question and the urban development and their consequences became an issue of interest for the researchers and the policy makers all over the world, especially regarding the stable population growth, and the increasing flow of population into the urban regions currently. This resulted the issues that undermined the development path, and consequently, the current research was a result of a main hypothesis on which it was based that the population issue has a negative impact on the urban development in Egypt. Its impact in the past was less damaging than its impact in the mean time. In the future, its impact will be much more negative. Upon this hypothesis, the researcher has formed his general question from which the research problem has been formed, which is How much does the Population issue in Egypt influence the urban development during the period from 1976 to 2016?

The research was based on the scientific method, some research methods, such as Delphi method, the scenario method, and the historical method. As for the research method, the researcher depended on the method of analyzing the prepared data, the case study method, the population projection method, and the comparative method. As for the tools of gathering data, the questionnaire was the main tool of the research. The researcher performed the honest and consistency test. El-Fayoum city was a geographical field for the research. As for the human field, the researcher chose two subjects who are experts in development in Fayoum, the first one is an distinguished official, and the other one is one of the faculty in El-Fayoum University.

The research includes nine chapters except for the general introduction. The first chapter tackles the previous studies and researches that discussed that subject or a related aspect. The second chapter demonstrates the dimensions and future horizons of the population issue in Egypt. the third one discusses the elements that drive the population issue in Egypt. The fourth chapter tackles the population policies internationally and locally. The fifth chapter studies the relationship between the population issue and the urban development in Egypt. The sixth chapter shows the development in El-