



UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME: DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE YEAR II

COURSE CODE: AEM 204

TITLE OF PAPER: COOPERATIVES STUDIES

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER
TWO (2) QUESTIONS**

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QUESTION ONE

The Government of Swaziland recognizes the need for a declared Government Policy, which assures Government's commitment and willingness to provide the needed support for autonomous cooperatives to develop and thrive. Based on this statement, discuss the role of the Department of Cooperatives within the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives in trying to promote and support the development of Cooperatives in Swaziland. (40 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

A cooperative is one form of conducting a business. As a student of the University of Swaziland and you have done a course in cooperative studies, you are invited to advise the Mbekelweni community under the Ludzeludze inkhundla on how to conduct a feasibility study for a cooperative business they would like to establish. (30 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

Discuss the main features that differentiate the new generation of cooperative from the traditional type of cooperative (30 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

(i) What is a cooperative? (10 marks)

(ii) What makes cooperatives different from other forms of business? (20 marks)