



UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
SUPPLEMENTARY 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 QUESTIONS**

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QUESTION ONE

Discuss the main features that differentiate the new generation of cooperative from the traditional type of cooperative (40 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

Cooperatives are doing business just like any other investor-owned firm (IOFs). Comment on the statement. Are Cooperatives the same as IOFs or not? If yes, how are they the same? and if not, how are they different? (30 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

Assume you were on holidays to your village and you were approached by a group of farmers who have planned to establish an agricultural cooperative but facing a stiff resistance by the youth in the village. The reason for the action undertaken by the youth is that such an association will bring disunity among the villagers. Having studied cooperatives at the university, you command a high respect among the youth. Given the chance to address the youth on this issue, how would you argue against their perception? (30 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

In the eyes of people who have not learnt anything about cooperative, cooperatives are doing business just like any other investor-owned firm (IOFs). Yes, it is true that both groups are business minded but cooperatives are said to be unique. Comment on the uniqueness of cooperatives. (30 Marks)