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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME: BSc. in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management Yr 4
BSc. in Agricultural Education Yr 4

COURSE CODE: AEM 409

TITLE OF PAPER: AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTION: 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR OF THE SIX QUESTIONS.
2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25MARKS.

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Question 1

- A. Discuss the six ways by which governments can help bring solutions to hunger and malnutrition affecting its people. (18marks)
- B. Distinguish between food needs and effective demand for food. (7marks)

Question 2

- A. Discuss the ways by which agricultural international trade influences economies as observed through global interdependence. (15marks)
- B. Why is agricultural credit important to agricultural development (10marks)

Question 3

- A. The Swaziland Farmers Union is motivated by the King's dream of First World Class by 2022 and wants to be involved. As a Development expert, help explain to them how they can contribute towards this dream by discussing the factors that contribute as sources to economic growth and development for this achievement. (15marks)
- B. What are the five causes of economic transformation towards realization of this dream (10marks)

Question 4

- A. Institutional and human factors play a major role in determining farming systems, here being endogenous or exogenous to the farm. Discuss three factors relating to both categories highlighting how it influences the farming system used. (15marks)
- B. What are the major food marketing functions and their role in getting agriculture moving in developing countries? (10marks)

Question 5

- A. Distinguish between transaction costs and collective action (10marks)
- B. Discuss the induced institutional innovation theory in agricultural development as well as the theory of induced technological innovation. (15marks)

Question Six

Natural resources are key factors in economic development and sustainability. However manipulation of these for economic gain has led to drastic environmental problems.

- A. Discuss the major economic and institutional causes of environmental degradation. (18marks)
- B. What are some of the economic and institutional solutions to natural resource problems? (7marks)