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PROGRAMME: **B.SC. IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND
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B.SC. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION 4

COURSE CODE: **AEM 409**

TITLE OF PAPER: **AGRICULTURAL & RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

TIME ALLOWED: **TWO (2) HOURS**

INSTRUCTION: 1. **ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

2. **QUESTION 25 MARKS EACH**

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Question 1

- A. Swaziland has realized that her dream of First World by 2022 can be fostered through improvements in agriculture. The proposed huge budget into Agricultural development in 2014 budget is reflective. Preparing his budget speech, Mr Majozi - Finance Minister, has asked you as the Chief Development officer: Agriculture, to help him explain the role of agriculture in development as well as how agriculture can be improved to enhance this role. Prepare a report to Majozi as tasked. (15)
- B. In his speech the Finance Minister also wants to caution the public that economic transformation is not an overnight thing, it can take a decade or even a century. Help him explain the factors that influence the speed of economic transformation in the country.

(10)

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Question 2

- A. The theories of Diffusion and High payoff enable agricultural development in rural areas. Explain to the Extension Officers in your department how these theories work to develop both the farmers and the agricultural industry. (10)

B. Distinguish between Feudalism and Semi-feudalistic. Also define the three Anti-feudal reforms in land management. (10)

C. The Ministry of Tinkhundla is tasked with the duty to enable development especially in the rural areas of Swaziland. As a development officer in the ministry, how would you define development as the main goal of your department? (5)

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Question 3

A. Distinguish between the two aspects of the theory of induced innovation. (10)

B. Recent economists argue against the use of subsidized credit as an enabling tool for agricultural development. Discuss the effects of subsidized credit in an economy. (15)

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Question 4

- A. The Manzini Municipal Council is heavily burdened by the effects of rural population migrating and settling around the town. As a policy advisor, illustrate the causes of such migration? (10)
- B. The Manzini Municipal Council is evident and greatly affected by the 'too large too quickly' consequences of urban development. Define this concept and the inherent consequences as observed in the town. (15)

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