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PROGRAMME:

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COURSE CODE:

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TITLE OF PAPER:

Agricultural & Rural development

TIME ALLOWED:

TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTION: 1.

ANSWER ALL FOUR QUESTIONS

2.

EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS

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Question 1

For First World status [Vision 2022], the Swaziland government is encouraging urban development than rural development. Her justification is that urban development has inherent benefits to rural people as they will be absorbed through jobs created in the urban areas. Hence, a quicker move into the 2022 vision.

- a. Is this the right move to enable the rural people to get out of poverty? State why. [5marks]
- b. As a Developer, advise on the fundamentals of rural development that the Swazi government need to observe to ensure the rural poor are enabled into development for the 2022 vision. [10 marks]
- c. Define five characteristics that the government can adopt to help classify the rural areas which need the fundamentals outlined in (b). [10marks]

[25marks]

Question 2

- ii. The Central Statistics Office [CSO] has requested a budget of 20million for a census to help in poverty measurements for the country. The Parliamentarians however believe this money should be added into the Rural Development Fund instead of wasting time on measurements.
 - a. Do you agree with the Parliamentarians? Justify your answer. [5 marks]
 - b. Discuss the purpose of poverty measurements as applicable to the development agenda in an economy like Swaziland. [12marks]
 - c. Define four [4] poverty measurements that the CSO can use to measure poverty in the country. [8marks]

[25marks]

Question 3.

- iii. The people of Mhobodleni area want to be included in rural development initiatives by governments and non-government agencies like donor food. However, the government has maintained that this area is urban with a highway and about three kilometres to the Manzini City centre.
 - a. How would you classify the Mhobodleni area? Give an outline of the indicators present there to justify your stand. [10marks]
 - b. Discuss rural development objectives that any government should have to ensure that the people are empowered. [10marks]
 - c. Distinguish between Absolute and Relative poverty as observed in rural communities. [5marks]

[25marks]

Question 4

In Swazi people are calling for government assistance for the development especially the rural areas. It is like all of a sudden people feel that they are being left out or they are ever deprived of something.

- i. Discuss the three major factors that seem to contribute to the ever increasing demands for rural development. [12marks]
- ii. Discuss why the agricultural fundamentalism of development is preferred to the Industrialization fundamentalism model when seeking to heavily impact development of rural areas. [10 Marks]

[25marks]