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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME: BSc. in Agric. Economics and Agribusiness Management Year 2

COURSE CODE: AEM 210

TITLE OF PAPER: COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

**INSTRUCTION: 1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS
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Question One

a) Using a general definition of a cooperative, with an example, define an agricultural cooperative?

(5 marks)

b) There are key activities carried by the Department of Cooperative Development & Marketing in Swaziland to achieve its overall strategy and are congregated in several themes, identify the different themes and outline some activities under each theme.

(20 Marks)

Question Two

a) The Ministry of Agriculture and Swaziland Farmers' Cooperative Union (SWAFCU) have offered you a consultancy job to assess whether all primary farmers' cooperatives are adhering to the basic principles of cooperation, what are these basic principles of cooperation, and what are the principles of cooperatives that distinguish them from other forms of business?

(25 marks)

Question Three

With an example of each, identify four types of service cooperatives, and what are the functions carried out by these cooperatives.

(25 Marks)

Question Four

Briefly explain seven challenges faced by agricultural cooperatives and suggest six solutions to address the challenges disrupting the survival of cooperatives in Swaziland.

(25 Marks)

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