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Department of Agricultural Economics & Management

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME: BSc. in Agric. Economics and Agribusiness Management Year 4  
BSc. in Agricultural Extension & Education Year 4

COURSE CODE: AEM 409

TITLE OF PAPER: AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTION: 1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS  
2. DO NOT WRITE ON THIS QUESTION PAPER  
3. ALL ANSWERS SHOULD BE WRITTEN IN THE BOOKLET PROVIDED

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**Question One**

- a) The rural sector in Swaziland has issues that distinguish it from the urban and semi-urban sector. With examples, outline these characteristics, and outline the roles of the rural agricultural sector in Swaziland's economy  
**(15 marks)**
- b) The literature on development abounds in a variety of dilemmas and dogmas. Briefly write short notes about the Agricultural Versus Industrial Development dilemma faced in development  
**(10 Marks)**

**Question Two**

- a) Developing and low middle income countries are struggling to catch-up with developed countries and several development theories have been suggested to achieve this objective. Using the knowledge gained from the lectures, explain and critique the modernisation theory of development in the Swaziland current context.  
**(25 Marks)**

**Question Three**

- a) Identify and outline five determinants of rural development in Swaziland  
**(5 Marks)**
- b) According to your knowledge acquired in the Agricultural and Rural Development course, is there any need for rural development policies? Why a need for such policies?  
**(20 Marks)**

**Question Four**

- a) The important elements of a pragmatic strategy for sustainable development in Swaziland include?  
**(10 Marks)**
- b) Briefly identify the key issues related to subsistence agriculture and extensive cultivation in Africa, and what are the core requirements for strategic agricultural and rural development in Swaziland?  
**(15 Marks)**

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