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SUPPLEMENTARY 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) Explain why Swaziland government should have an interest in rural development  
(5 Marks)
- b) As an expert in agricultural and rural development, explain the role of non-agricultural subsector for rural development in Swaziland.

(20 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 how the dependency theory of development is relevant to Swaziland current context.  
(20 Marks)
- b) What is the importance of measurement of level and pace of rural development?

(5 marks)

**Question Three**

- a) Define policy and mention the steps taken during policy processes  
(5 Marks)
- b) List at least 10 agricultural related policies in Swaziland  
(10 Marks)
- c) Some of the development economists have come-up with different stages of how technology induces development including **Rostow's scheme of 4 stages**, and **five combinations of Schumpeter**. Outline these stages/steps authored by the mentioned economists.

(10 marks)

**Question Four**

- a) Among the current global issues include promotion of sustainable development, what is sustainable development? Outline some indicators of non-sustainability of the current patterns of production, consumption and economic growth?  
(10 Marks)
- b) Following 30 years of neglect, five crises put agriculture back on the development agenda. list these five crises, and outline the roles the Government of Swaziland in Agricultural Development  
(12 Marks)

- c) List three important roles of women in agricultural transformation and rural development  
(3 Marks)

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