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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

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

COURSE CODE: AEM 408/409

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

**Question One**

- a) Gender asymmetry in agriculture is regarded as one of the important issues responsible for the retardation of rural development in developing countries. Based on your observation, what are the key gender issues related to agricultural transformation and rural development  
(3 Marks)
- b) Agricultural sector is one of the sectors exposed to the risks that may result in unsustainable development. Using Eswatini as an example define sustainable agricultural development and identify at least one solution to reverse the identified indicators of non-sustainability of the current patterns of agricultural production?  
(17 Marks)
- c) The neglect of the agricultural sector in developing countries has exposed these countries to face five major crises forcing their governments to revisit agriculture's role in development. What are these five crises?  
(5 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 Lewis' Model of Economic Development is relevant to Eswatini current context.  
(25 Marks)

**Question Three**

- a) Define policy and mention the steps taken during policy processes  
(5 Marks)
- b) As an agricultural economist identify at least 10 agricultural related policies in eSwatini and one type of problem/challenge they are addressing.  
(20 Marks)

**Question Four**

- a) Explain why Eswatini government should have an interest in rural development?  
(5 Marks)
- b) What is the importance of measurement of level and pace of rural development?  
(5 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)
- d) Outline the roles of the Government of Eswatini in Agricultural Development  
(5 Marks)

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