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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME: AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND AGRIBUSINESS
MANAGEMENT

COURSE CODE: AEM 410

TITLE OF PAPER: AGRICULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

TIME ALLOWED: (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 1

- a) Agricultural finance can be dealt with at both micro level and macro level. Discuss the aspects of Agricultural finance at both micro level and macro level. (15 Marks)
- b) Agricultural credit is one of the most crucial inputs in all agricultural development programmes. List the major source of agricultural credit and outline why a Swazi farmer would require support. (10 Marks)

Question 2

- a) With the aid of a flow chart, present the financial relationships and support services that affect the agricultural value chain. (15 Marks)
- b) What are some of the reasons why access to finance is critical for the growth of the agriculture sector and what is the role of government in financing agriculture?. (10 Marks)

Question 3

- a) Why is agriculture still viewed as an important sector in contributing to economic growth and development in most African countries? (5 Marks)
- b) Agricultural development requires effective instruments to drive development. Briefly discuss some of the instruments which are used in agriculture for development. (10 marks)
- c) In a country like Eswatini can Agriculture be used as an engine for economic growth therefore contributing to development? If yes or no give reasons to your answer. (10 Marks)

Question 4

- a) In 2003, African governments were just recovering from the long and severe 'austerity cure' of the structural adjustment plans deployed in the 1980s. The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), launched in 2001, was in some way a consecration of African governments' sudden awakening and an affirmation of renewed will to revive national and regional economies. In the agricultural field, this African awakening took the form of the 2003 launch in Maputo of an ambitious continental programme, the CAADP. What was the objective of CAADP? State and discuss the four pillars of CAADP as they relate to economic growth in agriculture and contribution to development (25 Marks)