

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

**FINAL EXAMINATION
2006/07**

TITLE OF PAPER : SOCIAL FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION

COURSE NUMBER : EDF 602

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. THIS PAPER CONTAINS 4 QUESTIONS.
ANSWER ONLY **THREE** QUESTIONS IN **ALL**.
2. **QUESTION 1. IS COMPULSORY** AND SHOULD
BE ANSWERED BY ALL CANDIDATES.
3. THEN CHOOSE ANY OTHER **TWO** QUESTIONS
AND ANSWER IN ESSAY FORM.

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THE INVIGILATOR**

1. Choose only 5 of the following themes and write a paragraph of about 8 to 12 lines on each explaining what you understand the differences (or similarities) under each to be:
- (a) Education versus Certification
 - (b) Social fact versus Personal will
 - (c) Sociological Awareness versus Casual knowing
 - (d) Manifest consequences versus Latent consequences
 - (e) Optimistic beliefs versus Fatalistic beliefs
 - (f) Equality in education versus identical education
- /40 marks/
2. "Modern studies also encourage the idea that all societies must follow a single path of development, and pass through set stages of traditional, intermediate and advanced development; this is what might be called a unilinear view of change". (Blackmore and Cooksey, 1981).
- (a) Which line of theory does the above statement support between the theories of Edward B. Tylor (1902) and Franz Boas (1966) as discussed in the course lectures?

/5 marks/
 - (b) Indicate the theory you support and provide reasons why.

/10 marks/
 - (c) How would that view expressed in (b) affect the school curriculum design in Swaziland?

/15 marks/
3. Which is the more effective policy for spreading literacy:
- (a) Rapid expansion of schooling and only a limited literacy scheme for adults;
OR
Slow expansion of education and investment of the money saved in a mass literacy scheme?

/15 marks/
 - (b) Discuss the consequences of both schemes.

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4. (a) What major innovative changes have occurred in Swaziland's educational system over the past 25 years? Briefly describe how such changes were influenced by changes in social environment.

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- (b) Assess the success or failure of the above improvement and suggest improved ways for the future.

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