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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2009

TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO DEMOGRAPHY

COURSE CODE : DEM 101

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND ANY OTHER TWO (2) QUESTIONS.

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**QUESTION 2 (COMPULSORY)****(4+4+4+4+4 marks)****Mid-year Female Population and Live Births by Maternal Age, 1995**

Age	Female Population	Live Births
10-14	17,000	35
15-19	18,000	299
20-24	20,000	3 008
25-29	21,000	2 814
30-34	19,000	1 938
35-39	27,000	1 485
40-44	24,000	456
45-49	22,000	159
50-54	20,000	10

NB: Total female population 1995- 300,000

Sex ratio at birth – 105

General sex ratio - 96

**Maternal and Infant Deaths and Still births, 1995**

Maternal deaths	15
Infant deaths	250
Neonatal deaths	136
Early neonatal deaths	116
Still births	220

Using the above data, calculate the following measures and interpret them:

- i. Crude birth rate
- ii. General fertility rate
- iii. Total fertility rate
- iv. Infant mortality rate
- v. Maternal mortality rate.

**QUESTION 2** (4+6+6+4 marks)

- a. Outline four limitations of a population register.
- b. Explain why vital registration is deficient in developing countries such as Swaziland.
- c. What are the advantages of demographic surveys over population censuses?
- d. What is the difference between stock and flow data?

**QUESTION 3** (4+4+4+4+4 marks)

**DATA FOR COUNTRY X in 2000**

Population 15-49	480,000
Number of women 15-49	280,000
Population under 15	640,000
Population 65 year and older	200,000
Births	120,000
Deaths	36,000
Population size	2,200,000
Girls under age 5	200,000
Children under age 5	400,000
General sex ratio	95
Sex ratio at birth	106

Based on the above data, compute the following measures:

- a. Child-woman ratio;
- b. Age dependency ratio;
- c. Total female population;
- d. Crude rate of natural increase; and
- e. Number of female births.

**QUESTION 4** (4+4+4+4+4 marks)

Distinguish fully between the following concepts and measures:

- a. probability and central rate;
- b. emigration and out-migration;
- c. age dependency ratio and economic dependency ratio;

- d. epidemic and endemic disease; and
- e. sampling frame and sampling error.