

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY 2006

BASS, B.A. B.Ed

TITLE : SPATIAL ASPECTS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

COURSE NUMBER : GEP 414

**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS IN ALL
INCLUDING QUESTION ONE (1) WHICH IS
COMPULSORY.
2. WHERE APPROPRIATE ILLUSTRATE YOUR
ANSWERS WITH EXAMPLES AND SKETCHES**

**MARK ALLOCATION : QUESTION, ONE CARRIES FORTY (40) MARKS
AND THE OTHER QUESTIONS ARE WORTH (30)
THIRTY MARKS EACH**

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SECTION A: COMPULSORY SECTION

QUESTION 1.

The Swaziland Government through the Deputy Prime Minister's office intends to draw up a policy on decentralization of state organs, as a development planner you have been requested to advise the DPM's office on this subject.

- (a) Explain why you would advocate for decentralization as opposed to centralization for sustained rural development? (25 marks)
 - (b) What advice would you give on the short-comings to be expected once the policy has been adopted and implemented? (15 marks)
- (40 marks)**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2

Using examples discuss the Land Reform programmes in Southern Africa as a function of the following considerations:

- (a) Social Justice. (15 marks)
 - (b) Economic Empowerment. (15 marks)
- (30 marks)**

QUESTION 3

Discuss five (5) economic factors that can strengthen the role of women in rural development.

(30 marks)

QUESTION 4

Discuss the contributions of the following spatial systems to rural development.

- (a) Markets and Market systems. (15 marks)
 - (b) Transport and communication systems. (15 marks)
- (30 marks)**

QUESTION 5

Using global examples of environmental stress, give an illustrative account of the relationship between rural poverty and the environment. (30 marks)