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**TITLE OF PAPER : SPATIAL ASPECTS OF RURAL
DEVELOPMENT**

COURSE NUMBER : GEP 414

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS : SECTION A IS COMPULSORY
ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM
SECTION B
ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH
APPROPRIATE DIAGRAMS**

**MARKS ALLOCATED : QUESTION 1 CARRIES 40 MARKS
THE OTHER QUESTIONS CARRY 30
MARKS EACH**

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SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTION

QUESTION 1.

‘Development practitioners believe that rural development is an important vehicle in transforming economies of developing countries towards the up-liftment of the living standards of the majority of the population’. Discuss the validity of this statement in the context of Swaziland.

(40 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2.

The failure of land reform programmes in most countries has been blamed on Third World-leaders, focusing only on land as key to rural development. Discuss the other factors that have been overlooked in the implementation of such programmes.

(30 marks)

QUESTION 3.

Discuss the key elements of Asian Agriculture that led to the vicious cycle of poverty for peasant farmers.

(30 marks)

QUESTION 4.

“ A major and often overlooked feature of Third World Agrarian systems, particularly in Africa and Asia is the crucial role played by women in agricultural production” (Todaro, 1989: 311). Discuss the validity of this statement.

(30 marks)

QUESTION 5

Discuss the challenges posed by the HIV/ AIDS pandemic on sustainable rural development in developing countries.

(30 marks)