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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER DECEMBER 2008**

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

**COURSE NUMBER : GEP 414**

**TIME ALLOWED : THREE HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS, INCLUDING  
QUESTION ONE (1) WHICH IS COMPULSORY**

**ANSWER 2. WHERE APPROPRIATE, ILLUSTRATE YOUR  
WITH EXAMPLES.**

**MARK ALLOCATION : QUESTION ONE (1) CARRIES 40 MARKS.  
EACH. THE REST OF THE QUESTIONS CARRY 30 MARKS**

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## **GEP 414 SPATIAL ASPECTS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTION**

#### **QUESTION 1**

- i) Discuss the nature and type of poverty characterizing Southern African countries.  
[20 marks]
- ii) Using practical examples, explain what should be done to alleviate poverty among the rural poor in Swaziland.  
[20 marks]

**[40 marks]**

### **SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS**

#### **QUESTION 2**

‘Environmental changes caused by human activities often set in motion a chain of events that increases human vulnerability. These changes pose significant challenges for Southern Africa, where rapidly evolving socio-economic conditions compound the problem.’ Discuss.

**[30 marks]**

#### **QUESTION 3**

Discuss the demographic, social and economic effects of high rates of HIV/AIDS infection in two selected countries in Africa.

**[30 marks]**

#### **QUESTION 4**

Using examples, explain how infrastructural development can strengthen rural integration to overcome rural poverty in Southern Africa.

**[30 marks]**

#### **QUESTION 5**

- i) Explain the concept of globalization in relation to rural development.  
[10 marks]
- ii) Discuss how global transformations have made a significant impact on the status of food security for African countries.  
[20 marks]