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TITLE OF PAPER

: CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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TIME ALLOWED

THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER 1 QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION

ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH

APPROPRIATE DIAGRAMS

MARKS ALLOCATED : ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

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SECTION A

ANSWER ONE QUESTION

QUESTION 1

- a) Discuss the causes and effects of the greenhouse gas effect. (25 marks)
- b) Explain two approaches used in downscaling General Circulation Models (GCMs) results. (25 marks)

 (50 Marks)

QUESTION 2

With reference to Swaziland discuss the adaptation strategies to the expected impacts of climate change on the sector of water resources. (50 Marks)

SECTION B

ANSWER ONE QUESTION

QUESTION 3

Discuss the politics of climate change with reference to the expiration of the Kyoto Protocol in 2012. (50 Marks)

QUESTION 4

Discuss the major purpose of the clean development mechanism (CDM).

(50 Marks)