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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2011**

**TITLE OF PAPER : DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**  
**COURSE CODE : ECON 303**  
**TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS**  
**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**  
**2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH.**

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**QUESTION 1**

- a) What do you understand by the term ‘Development Economics’? (5 marks)
- b) Comment on the importance of ‘Development Economics’ in today’s society. (8 marks)
- c) Explain fully the three core values of development. (12 marks)

**QUESTION 2**

- a) Explain the role of the informal sector in the development of the urban areas. (10 marks)
- b) What measures can the government adopt to minimise levels of urban poverty in Swaziland. (15 marks)

**QUESTION 4**

- a) Explain fully the negative and positive effects of population on development of the Swazi economy. (15 marks)
- b) Describe the population growth, size, distribution and composition in Swaziland. (10 marks)

**QUESTION 3**

Outline the International Dependency Model and its criticisms. (25 marks)

**QUESTION 5**

- a) What is meant by the term ‘Structural Adjustment Programmes’? (5 Marks)
- b) Critically examine the main problems usually tackled under Structural Adjustment Programmes (SAPs). (20 marks)

**QUESTION 6**

- a) Explain the objectives of regional integration and how it could be achieved in the African economies (10 marks)
- b) Outline the advantages of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU), and the disadvantages. (15 marks)