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TITLE OF PAPER : AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
COURSE CODE : ECON 411
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) Explain fully the role of the agricultural sector in the development of African economies. (15 marks)
- b) 'The impact of HIV/AIDS on rural agriculture is now visible in the African economies'. discuss (10 marks)

QUESTION 2

- a) What is the importance of Green Technologies? (10 marks)
- b) Explain why the development and adoption of Green Technologies programmes are generally less successful in the African economies. (15 marks)

QUESTION 3

- a) Explain briefly how climate change has a potential to affect agriculture. (5 marks)
- b) Explain five (5) essentials for agriculture development in Swaziland. (10 marks)
- c) Describe five (5) accelerators that can contribute to speeding up the rate of growth once the essentials are met. (10 marks)

QUESTION 4

- a) 'The rural agriculture economy in Swaziland is dualistic in nature'. Discuss (10 marks)
- b) Explain fully the role of Rural Area Development Programmes (RADPs) in the development of rural agriculture economy in Swaziland. (15 marks)

QUESTION 5

Outline the Linear Policy Cycle Model in agriculture, and its weaknesses. (25 marks)

QUESTION 6

- a) Describe the characteristics of the Swazi Nation Land (SNL). (12 marks)
- b) Does the existing Land tenure System (LTS) provide sufficient freedom to manage the land efficiently? (13 marks)