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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2012

TITLE OF PAPER : DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AND POLICIES

COURSE CODE : ECON 307

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) Distinguish between 'Absolute poverty' and 'Relative poverty'. (7 marks)
- b) Explain fully six (6) key determinants of poverty in Swaziland. (18 marks)

QUESTION 2

'Education is the best long-term solution to poverty in the developing world' Discuss (25 marks)

QUESTION 3

Write short explanatory notes on how high population growth affects the following. (5 marks each)

- a) Education
 b) Employment
 c) Food
 d) Health
 e) Environment

QUESTION 4

- a) Explain fully four (4) major human resource problems in developing countries. (12 marks)
- b) Explain how education reform may solve employment problems, and alleviate their effects in Swaziland. (13 marks)

QUESTION 5

- a) Discuss five functions of education. (10 marks)
- d) Explain fully five (5) challenges facing the education sector in Swaziland. (15 marks)

QUESTION 6

- a) What do you understand by the term 'Structural adjustment'? (7 marks)
- b) List nine (9) main problems usually tackled under Structural Adjustment Programmes (SAPs). (9 marks)
- c) Explain three (3) broad areas of objectives of the Structural adjustment Programmes (SAPs). (9 marks)