

University of Swaziland
Faculty of Social Science
Department of Economics
Final Examination Paper, May 2013

Title of paper : **Development 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. Describe one important criticism of the definition of relative poverty. (5 marks)
- b. Explain fully how a breakdown of traditional social security systems determines poverty in Swaziland. (5 marks)
- c. Explain why education is a powerful 'equaliser', opening doors to all to lift them out of poverty. (15 marks)

Question 2

- a. What do you understand by the term 'Structural Adjustment'? (5 marks)
- b. Write short explanatory notes on the following types of structural adjustment assistance.
 - I. Debt relief
 - II. Import support
 - III. Local-cost financing
 - IV. Balance of payment (5 marks each)

Question 3

- a. Explain fully how high population growth affects the environment in developing countries. (10 marks)
- b. Designing socio-economic policies to encourage small families can cover various areas. Describe five (5) of these important areas. (15 marks)

Question 4

- a. Explain why uneven distribution of available manpower between urban and rural areas, is considered a major human resource problem in developing countries. (7 marks)
- b. What do you understand by manpower export policy? (6 marks)
- c. Do you think the policy mentioned in b) above can work in solving employment problems in Swaziland. Support fully your answer. (12 marks)

Question 5

- a. 'Foreign aid does not promote faster growth, but may infact retard it'. True or false? Support your answer fully. (9 marks).
- b. Explain fully four (4) principal economic arguments advanced in support of foreign aid to developing countries. (16 marks)

Question 6

- a. To what extent is internal migration a desirable phenomenon in Swaziland and should the government intervene? (15 marks)
- b. Explain briefly five (5) leading barriers to woman's modern sector employment in Swaziland. (10 marks)