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Department of Economics

Final Examination Paper, December 2016

Title of paper : Development Theory
Course Code : Econ 306
Time allowed : Two (2) hours
Instructions : Answer question one and any other two questions.

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Question 1

- a) Explain fully how the traditional definition of development economics should be broadened. (10 marks)
- b) Describe the nature of the Human Development Index (HDI) introduced by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). (20 marks)
- c) How can you design a program aimed at empowering women to promote economic stability in Swaziland. (20 marks)

Answer any two questions from the following:

Question 2

Describe fully the nature of the Lewis Theory of Development and its criticisms. (25 marks)

Question 3

- a) 'The role of knowledge creation, and the way it plays out in driving economic growth in the developing countries cannot be ignored'. Do you agree or disagree? Explain fully your reasoning. (15 marks)
- b) Describe the challenges facing knowledge creation in Swaziland. (10 marks)

Question 4

- a) Describe the drawbacks of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the key motivation for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). (8 marks)
- b) List the seventeen (17) Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs). (17 marks)