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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY, 2017

**TITLE OF PAPER: AGRICULTURAL POLICIES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
COURSE CODE: ECON 412
TIME ALLOWED: THREE (2) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.
2. Show all relevant workings to your answer
3. Question 1 is 30 marks and the other questions carry a total of 25 marks each.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: NONE

**DO NOT OPEN THIS QUESTION PAPER UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY
THE INVIGILATOR.**

Question 1 This Question is Compulsory

- (a) Explain what is meant by policy analysis? [5 marks]
- (b) What is the relevance of the Pareto criterion and the Hicks-Kaldor criterion in public policy analysis? [10 marks]
- (c) Discuss the relevance of the state in contemporary public policy making [15 marks]

Answer Any Two Questions from the Following

Question 2

- (a) Mention and discuss the four dimensions that should underlie an effective budget formulation process. [15 marks]
- (b) Using evidence to support your answer, discuss the statement that "In spite of being an essential contributor to the economy, the agricultural sector does not appear to be given prominence in Swaziland". [10marks]

Question 3

- (a) Discuss any three factors that perpetuate rural poverty in Swaziland. [15 marks]
- (b) Discuss measures that are being implemented to address the challenges imposed by poverty in rural Swaziland? [10 marks]

Question 4

- a) State and discuss four constraints on existing food production in Swaziland. [12 marks].
- b) What do we mean by institution? Discuss any three roles institutions serve in the development of a rural society. [13 marks]

Question 5

(a) Define the concept of rural development. Discuss any three objectives of the Rural Development Area Programme (RDAP's) in Swaziland.

[12 marks]

(b) Some of the problems cited for the failure of RDAP's in Swaziland include administrative, leadership related, and cultural problems. Discuss the extent to which you will regard this claim relevant in for Swaziland. Give examples.

[13 marks]