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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2019**

**Title of paper : Agricultural Policies and Rural Development**  
**Course Code : ECO408/ECON 412**  
**Time allowed : Two (2) hours**  
**Instructions : Answer question one and any other two questions.**

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### **Question 1**

### **Compulsory question**

- a) Write short notes of the importance of the Women Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI) in the economics of agriculture development. [15 marks]
- b) Discuss the rationale and challenges that are associated with the policy of food and agriculture as faced by the small scale farmers in Eswatini. [15 marks]
- c) What do you understand by policy failure? Describe the contexts in which policy failures in agriculture could occur. [10 marks]

### **Answer any two questions**

### **Question 2**

- a) What are the contributions of agriculture to economic development in Eswatini? Use current data where appropriate. [15 marks]
- b) Describe briefly any two characteristics of institutions, and their impact on the development of the agricultural sector in Developing countries. [15 marks]

### **Question 3**

- a) It is said that the rural economy in Eswatini consists of two kinds of agriculture. Explain what is meant by this statement, and describe how it affects land use in agriculture. [20 marks]
- b) Give any five reasons for government intervention in the agricultural sector. [10 marks]

### **Question 4**

- a) Explain any five (5) socio-cultural barriers to women participation in agriculture in Eswatini. [15 marks]
- b) What are the contributions of rural industrialization to rural development? [15 marks]