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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) Explain three key objectives of agricultural policy. [15 marks]
- b) Give any five (5) possible solutions to agriculture problems in the context of Eswatini. [10 marks]
- c) 'Women being an important stakeholder in agricultural development need to be equipped with all necessary capacity to enable them contribute effectively'. Do you agree? Explain your answer. [15 marks]

Answer any two questions

Question 2

- a) Describe the major objective of the Rural Settlement Program in Eswatini. [10 marks]
- b) Critically examine five (5) key factors compromising food security in Swaziland. [20 marks]

Question 3

- a) Describe any three (3) non-price policies used by the government for intervention in agriculture. [15 marks]
- b) Describe fully the triple gender roles of women in agriculture. [15 marks]

Question 4

- a) What conclusions do you draw in relation to the prospects for, and approaches to, reducing rural poverty in Eswatini? [15 marks]
- b) Explain the role of World Trade Organization (WTO) in agriculture development. [15 marks]