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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

COURSE CODE: ECO408

TITLE OF PAPER: AGRICULTURAL POLICIES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

Instructions

This paper consists of Section (A) and (B).

1. Section A is compulsory.
2. Answer any two questions from Section B.

Special Requirements

None

Additional Material (s)

None

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Question 1 (Compulsory: 40 marks)

- a) Using relevant examples, differentiate between policy and policy instrument. [10 marks]
- b) Explain briefly the meaning and significance of agricultural land retirement policy. [9 marks]
- c) Describe three (3) basic fundamental agricultural policy objectives. [9 marks]
- d) Describe any four (4) major challenges leading to policy formulation in agriculture. [12 marks]

Answer any two questions: [30 marks each]

Question 2

- a) Describe three (3) pillars for food security. [12 marks]
- b) Explain how the present COVID-19 pandemic compromises food security in Eswatini. [18 marks]

Question 3

- a) Outline the process of formulating a strategy in agriculture. [12 marks]
- b) Explain how inappropriate land policies can constitute a serious constraint on economic development of the agricultural sector. [18 marks]

Question 4

- a) Explain the triple gender role of women. [12 marks]
- b) How can the government empower women in agriculture to end hunger? Describe briefly any six (6) measures. [18 marks]