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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2010

TITLE OF PAPER : **ADMINISTRATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

COURSE CODE : **PA305**

TIME ALLOWED : **THREE (3) HOURS**

INSTRUCTION : **1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS; TWO (2) FROM EACH SECTION.**

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF TWENTY FIVE (25).

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Define the term 'rural development' and distinguish it from 'agricultural development'.

QUESTION 2

Discuss the main features of the subsistence definition of poverty and comment on its theoretical weaknesses.

QUESTION 3

Examine the consequences of merchant capitalism in African countries during the slave trade.

QUESTION 4

The international economy is characterized by two kinds of world agriculture. Discuss.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Discuss the problems associated with pledging land and cattle as collateral for purposes of securing agricultural credit by African peasant farmers.

QUESTION 6

Examine the role of women in rural development in Africa and comment on the challenges they face in making a notable contribution towards poverty alleviation in the continent.

QUESTION 7

Discuss the successes and failures of the Rural Development Areas Programme (RDAP) in Swaziland.

QUESTION 8

Discuss the nature and extent of poverty in Swaziland and suggest measures for poverty alleviation in the kingdom.