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**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 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**

Discuss the objectives of rural development and comment on the significance of the development of rural areas in African countries.

**QUESTION 2**

Define 'absolute poverty' and discuss the nature and extent of poverty in African countries.

**QUESTION 3**

What is meant by the term 'Gross National Product (GNP) and what are the problems of using GNP per capita to measure levels of development between countries?

**QUESTION 4**

The imposition of colonial rule was not without serious social, political and economic consequences for African countries. Discuss.

**SECTION B**

**QUESTION 5**

In many African countries, the face of rural poverty is increasingly female. Discuss.

**QUESTION 6**

Discuss the challenges facing agricultural extension services in promoting rural development in African countries.

**QUESTION 7**

Examine the basic features of the rural economy in Swaziland showing, inter alia, their impact on rural development.

**QUESTION 8**

Discuss the goals and objectives of the Rural Development Areas Programme (RDAP) in Swaziland and determine the extent to which they were accomplished.