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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: ~~July~~, 2018

TITLE OF PAPER: RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

COURSE CODE: PA 305

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS:**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH**

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1. Define rural development and how it differs from agricultural development. Give examples.

(25 Marks)

2. Competitive markets, macroeconomic stability, and public investment in physical and social infrastructure are widely recognized as important requirements for sustained economic growth and reduced poverty. Discuss.

(25 Marks)

3. The first requirement of a strategy to reduce rural poverty is to provide the enabling environment and resources for those in the rural sector who are engaged in the agricultural production and distribution system. What other policy components need to be incorporated into national strategies that are aimed at poverty reduction?

(25 Marks)

4. Access to credit and land, together with the provision of infrastructure, are some of the key interventions that need to be put into place to empower women in the rural areas and for the reduction of poverty. Discuss.

(25 Marks)

5. Using examples drawn from two Sub Saharan countries, make a comparative analysis of agrarian reform strategies undertaken by two countries of your choice.

(25 Marks)

6. Discuss how Sub-Saharan Africa have used the following strategic interventions to uplift and promote the rural poor:

- Agricultural Cooperatives
- Rural Finance Institutions and markets
- Agricultural Extension

(25 Marks)

7. Women have played, and continue to play, a critical role in rural development of Sub-Saharan Africa. What are the challenges that they continue to face and what are some of the strategies that have been put into place to assist them.

(25 Marks)

8. The Rural Development Areas Programme (RDAP) and the Poverty Reduction Strategy and Action Plan have been very critical about the reduction of poverty in Swaziland. Discuss.

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