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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2006

TITLE OF PAPER : **RURAL SOCIOLOGY**

COURSE CODE : **SOC 302**

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

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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QUESTION 1

Explain the relevance of Ferdinand Toennies's assumptions about the rural/urban divide to Swaziland.

QUESTION 2

- (a) Critically discuss the auspices under which a chief is appointed in Swaziland.
- (b) Explain the circumstances under which the Ingwenyama may appoint a committee to investigate the authenticity of a chieftaincy candidate.

QUESTION 3

- (a) Discuss the basic facts about HIV and AIDS.
- (b) In what ways have HIV and AIDS militated against human capital formation in rural Swaziland?

QUESTION 4

- (a) What is a national land use policy?
- (b) Examine how the absence of a national land use policy can perpetuate poverty and underdevelopment in Swaziland.

QUESTION 5

- (a) What is rural development?
- (b) Explain the successes and failures of Swaziland's Rural Development Areas Programme (RDAP).

QUESTION 6

Discuss the reasons why Swaziland is categorized as a lower middle income country yet 69% of its population lives below the poverty line.

QUESTION 7

- (a) What is sustainable development?
- (b) Explain the background against which the Swaziland Environmental Authority was established.

QUESTION 8

- (a) What is a land tenure system?
- (b) Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Swaziland's land tenure system.