

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER MAY 2010**

**TITLE OF PAPER            RURAL SOCIOLOGY**

**COURSE CODE            SOC302**

**TIME ALLOWED            THREE (3) HOURS**

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

**THE QUESTION PAPER MUST NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS  
BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR**

**QUESTION ONE (1)**

What is integrated rural development? Outline its advantages and limitations.

**QUESTION TWO (2)**

Examine the view that rural people's knowledge can be overvalued or despised.

**QUESTION THREE (3)**

Explain similarities between Ferdinand Tonnies' Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft and Emile Durkheim's Mechanical and Organic solidarity.

**QUESTION FOUR (4)**

Rural poverty is to be understood primarily in terms of social relations, private rights, landownership and power. Discuss this statement.

**QUESTION FIVE (5)**

Explain the extent to which the effects of labour migration are a mixed package on the rural economy of Swaziland.

**QUESTION SIX (6)**

With reference to the Marxist perspective on the peasantry, critically discuss the differentiation of rural dwellers in Swaziland.

**QUESTION SEVEN (7)**

Discuss the extent to which the environment has enhanced or undermined the development of rural communities.

**QUESTION EIGHT (8)**

Discuss the criticisms that have been levelled against Michael Lipton's theory of urban bias in development.