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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER DECEMBER 2012

TITLE OF PAPER: RURAL SOCIOLOGY

COURSE CODE: SOC 302

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. BOTH QUESTIONS IN SECTION A ARE COMPULSORY
 2. ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS
FROM SECTION B
 3. TOTAL MARKS 100

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

Section A: Answer all questions in this section.

Question One (1)

- a. Define the concept of Rural Sociology (5)
- b. Compare and contrast human social behavior in rural versus urban areas (10)
- c. Briefly discuss rural to urban migration consequences on rural communities (10)

Question Two (2)

- a. Define the concept of poverty (5)
- b. What is the poverty rate of Swaziland? (1)
- c. Define the following concepts:
 - i. Poverty Reduction (5)
 - ii. Poverty Alleviation (5)
 - iii. Poverty Elimination (5)
- d. Define well-being in a country (4)

Section B: Answer any two (2) questions in this section. Each question carries 25 marks.

Question Three (3)

The common land tenure systems in Swaziland are Swazi Nation Land (SNL), Title Deed Land (TDL) and Individual Tenure Farms (ITF). For each of these systems discuss how they impact on the country's poverty alleviation efforts.

Question Four (4)

The good governance attribute of responsiveness to the needs of the people is critical in governance. Discuss with examples how this can be demonstrated by Chiefs as leaders in rural communities.

Question Five (5)

Swaziland has adopted strategies to mitigate the impact of HIV and AIDS in rural communities, but the prevalence rate continues to increase. Discuss with relevant examples why these efforts are not slowing down the increase of the pandemic.

Question Six (6)

Using examples, discuss the role of NGOs in rural development in Swaziland.