

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND  
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2005

COURSE TITLE: POPULATION, RESOURCES AND  
DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: DEM 405

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: NONE

## Question 1

- a) Define sustainable development [4]
- b) What are the objectives of sustainable development [8]
- c) What were the overall objectives of the Earth Summit of 1992 in Rio de Janeiro [8]

## Question 2

**Either**

2a. Critically discuss Thomas Malthus' Principle of Population. Make sure to comment on its relevance to the current demographic situation in Swaziland [20]

**Or**

2b. Discuss Garrett Harding's 'Tragedy of the Commons' and assess its applicability to the situation in Swaziland [20]

## Question 3

'Poverty is a prime cause of high fertility in the developing world'. Critically discuss this argument. [20]

## Question 4

- a) Briefly describe the consequences of population growth on any 3 of the following:
  - i) Health
  - ii) Education
  - iii) Employment
  - iv) Land Use
  - v) Food Supply [15]
- b) Outline the effects of ageing populations in developed countries [5]

## Question 5

Comprehensively discuss the relationship between population growth and environmental degradation, with reference to the developing countries such as Swaziland [20]