UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2006

TITLE OF PAPER :   DEMOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVES ON SOCIAL
AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

COURSE CODE   :   DEM 407

TIME ALLOWED :   THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :   ANSWER ANY FIVE (5) QUESTIONS.

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QUESTION 1   (20 marks)

Discuss fully the relationship between economic development and international migration.

QUESTION 2   (7+7+6 marks)

Write short critical notes on the following fertility theories/hypotheses:
    a.   Relative income hypothesis (Easterlin);
    b.   New home economics (Becker and Willis); and
    c.   Secularization and individualism (Lesthaeghe)

QUESTION 3   (7+7+6 marks)

Describe Everett Lee's theory of migration as it relates to:
    a.   volume of migration;
    b.   streams and counter-streams; and
    c.   characteristics of migrants.

QUESTION 4   (20 marks)

Critically discuss the epidemiological transition theory (Omran).

QUESTION 5   (20 marks)

Fully discuss the socioeconomic and cultural context of the AIDS epidemic in Swaziland.

QUESTION 6   (20 marks)

Critically discuss the conditions necessary for significant fertility decline in developing countries, including the major obstacles.

QUESTION 7   (7+7+6 marks)

Briefly describe the following theoretical approaches to migration:
    a. Human capital approach;
    b. Beshers' modes of orientation; and
    c. Cumulative causation and migration.