

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER 2007

**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 (10+10 marks)

- a. "The birth of a child is political event". Discuss fully.
- b. Why and how is religion important to the frequency of childbearing?

QUESTION 2 (20 marks)

Compare the wealth flow theory of fertility and the kin hypothesis of fertility.

QUESTION 3 (7+7+8 marks)

Briefly describe any three (3) of the following population perspectives, and make sure to give illustrative examples:

- a. Socialization approach;
- b. Normative approach; and
- c. Psychological decision-making approach.

QUESTION 4 (7+7+8 marks)

Write short notes on the following demographic theories/concepts:

- a. Cumulative causation in migration;
- b. Todaro theory of migration;
- c. Secularization and fertility.

QUESTION 5 (10+10 marks)

Discuss the following approaches to international migration:

- a. Neo-classical economics; and
- b. Behaviourist approach.

QUESTION 6 (20 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.