

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**MAIN EXAMINATION 2008**

**TITLE OF PAPER: POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**COURSE NUMBER: DEM 406**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND ANY THREE QUESTIONS.  
ALL QUESTIONS ARE WORTH 20 MARKS EACH.**

**REQUIREMENTS: NONE**

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## **SECTION A (Compulsory)**

### **Question 1**

What is the demographic transition? Is the concept valuable in interpreting the demographic experiences of countries in the developing world? (20)

## **SECTION B (Answer any 2 Questions)**

### **Question 2**

Write short notes on the following perspectives on economic development:

- a) Modernisation theory (10)
- b) Dependency theory (10)

### **Question 3**

Poverty is a prime cause of high fertility in the developing world. Critically discuss this argument. (20)

### **Question 4**

Discuss the three views held about the relationship between population and development. In your opinion, which of the three points of view seems to be more correct historically? (20)

### **Question 5**

Discuss the uses of demographic data in development planning. (20)

### **Question 6**

- a) Describe the consequences of rapid population growth on the following:
  - i) Health (5)
  - ii) Education (5)
  - iii) Housing (5)
  - iv) Employment (5)