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**DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS AND DEMOGRAPHY**

**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2009**

**COURSE TITLE: DEMOGRAPHY OF SWAZILAND**

**COURSE CODE: DEM 302**

**TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER 4 ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: NONE**

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PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

### **QUESTION 1**

Swaziland is facing an unemployment problem, especially in urban areas. According to the 1997 Population and Housing Census unemployment was 22% and the population in urban areas was 23% of total population

- a) Based on the above and other indicators discuss the socio-economic characteristics of the urban and rural populations of Swaziland (15)
  
- b) Discuss briefly any two initiatives that are being pursued by the Government of Swaziland to address the problem of unemployment in Swaziland. (10)

### **QUESTION 2**

Education has remained a priority for the Swaziland Government and significant improvements have been achieved. However, problems have persisted in terms of gender imbalances, rural-urban differentials and regional differences in education facilities, education levels, etc. Discuss using empirical evidence to support your assertions.

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### **QUESTION 3**

There have been significant improvements made in the data collection process through censuses over time. Discuss these improvements in both the techniques used in the data collection process and the statistics produced there of, from the early censuses to the most recent 2007 census.

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### **QUESTION 4**

The population structure of Swaziland may be described as a "young population" however; the advent of HIV and AIDS has brought about certain changes to this structure in terms of age and sex. Discuss fully these changes and their possible consequences on the demography of Swaziland in the near future

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### **QUESTION 5**

**Discuss fully the mortality differentials in Swaziland using statistics from the 1997 Population and Housing Census**

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### **QUESTION 6**

**Household structure has significantly changed in Swaziland in the last few decades. The proportion of child (children) headed households, have increased, poverty has become widespread, unemployment endemic, etc. Discuss the root causes of these problems and their possible consequences.**

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