

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**MAIN EXAMINATION 2009**

**TITLE OF PAPER: POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**COURSE NUMBER: DEM 406**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS ARE WORTH 25 MARKS EACH.**

**REQUIREMENTS: NONE**

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### **Question 1**

- a. Discuss the effects of population ageing, citing examples from developed countries. (10)
- b. Discuss the linear stages models as propounded by Rostow. In addition discuss the major flaws of the models with specific reference their applicability in developing countries. (15)

### **Question 2**

- a) Distinguish between urban growth and urbanization. (5)
- b) Discuss the view that the process of urbanization should be seen as an integral component of the demographic transition. (20)

### **Question 3**

Describe the demographic transition theory. A number of authors have argued that the theory is inadequate to explain the demographic transition in many developing countries. Discuss. (25)

### **Question 4**

- a) Discuss the social and economic consequences of rapid population growth. (10)
- b) With specific reference to Swaziland, discuss the causes of population growth. (15)

### **Question 5**

- a) What is meant by gender? (5)
- b) The gender and development approach consists of tools and processes for understanding how relationships between men and women influence development. Comprehensively discuss. (20)

### **Question 6**

Poverty is a prime cause of high fertility in the developing world. Critically discuss this argument. (25)