UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY 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

Discuss the uses of demographic data in development planning. (25)

Question 2

The process of urbanization should be seen as an integral component of the demographic transition. Discuss (25)

Question 3

Write short notes on the following perspectives on economic development. In addition discuss the major flaws of the theories with specific reference their applicability in developing countries:

a) Modernisation theory (13)

b) Dependency theory (12)

Question 4

Reducing poverty in developing countries will promote fertility decline and help preserve the environment. Discuss. (25)

Question 5

a) What relationship did Thomas Malthus predict between population growth and available natural resources? (15)

b) What did Julian Simon suggest the relation might be between the stock of knowledge and the size of the population? (10)

Question 6

a) What are the characteristics of recent and future world population growth? How do these characteristics affect social problems? (15)

b) Discuss the concept of doubling time of a population. (5)

c) What are the effects of rapid population growth on the age structure of a population? (5)