

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2009**

**TITLE OF PAPER:        DEMOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVES ON SOCIAL  
   AND ECONOMIC ISSUES**

**COURSE CODE    :        DEM 407**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS   :        ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS.**

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**QUESTION 1 (20 marks)**

Discuss Omran's Epidemiologic Transition Theory, especially its relevance to developing countries such as Swaziland.

**QUESTION 2 (12+8 marks)**

- a. What demographic and non-demographic factors that influence the size of the labour force in a country?
- b. Explain fully the different meanings of the term "unemployment" and practical problems associated with it.

**QUESTION 3 (12+8 marks)**

- a. Why is human resource development an important factor in socioeconomic development?
- b. In terms of policy, what would recommend as the major areas of emphasis in the pursuit of human resource development in the context of Swaziland's socioeconomic situation?

**QUESTION 4 (7+6+7 marks)**

Write short critical notes on the following fertility theories/hypotheses:

- a. Wealth flow theory (Caldwell);
- b. Coale's preconditions for fertility decline;
- c. Secularization and individualism (Lesthaeghe)

**QUESTION 5 (20 marks)**

Fully describe Everett Lee's theory of migration as it relates to factors affecting migration decision-making, volume of migration, and migration streams.

**QUESTION 6 (20 marks)**

“In the long run, emigration from developing countries stems from a lack of economic development. In the short run, however, development does not reduce the impetus for migration; it increases it.”

Discuss fully.

**QUESTION 7 (10+10 marks)**

Fully discuss the politics of reproduction, especially in developing countries such as Swaziland. Do you agree with the statement: “The birth of a child is a political event”?