

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

MAIN EXAMINATION 2011

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 25 MARKS EACH.**

REQUIREMENTS: NONE

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Question 1 (Compulsory)

A consensus is emerging in the international population-development debate. Comprehensively discuss. (25)

Question 2

- i. Briefly discuss the theory of the epidemiological transition. How does it correspond to the demographic transition? (15)
- ii. A number of authors have argued that the demographic transition theory is inadequate to explain the transition in many developing countries. Discuss. (10)

Question 3

- i. Comprehensively discuss the factors affecting the growth of the global human population. (15)
- ii. Discuss the socio-economic implications of population ageing, citing examples from developed countries. (10)

Question 4

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

Question 5

- i. Describe the importance of demographic data/research in development planning. (10)
- ii. Discuss the relationship between population and food supply. (15)

Question 6

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