

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

MAIN EXAMINATION 2012

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) Describe the changes in a country which moves from stage 2 to stage 3 in the demographic transition. (10)
- b) Comprehensively discuss the concept of the global demographic divide. What caused the demographic divide? (15)

Question 2

- a) What do you understand by development? How would you determine which countries are more developed and which are less developed? (10)
- c) Describe and explain how the world's population will change in the future. (15)

Question 3

- a) It is argued that poverty is the main cause of high fertility and rapid population growth, particularly in developing countries. Critically appraise this argument from the macro level perspective. (13)
- b) The process of urbanization is seen as resulting from the interaction of the mobility transition and demographic transition. Discuss.(12)

Question 4

‘Development is the best contraceptive’. Critically appraise this argument. (25)

Question 5

- a) With reference to your country, discuss the consequences/implications of rapid population growth on the following sectors:
 - a. Health (5)
 - b. Education (5)
 - c. Employment (5)
- b) What do you understand by development planning? (10)

Question 6

Discuss how resources relate to economic development, citing examples from your country.(25)