

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**FINAL EXAMINATION 2012**

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

**COURSE CODE: DEM 407**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS, TWO (2) FROM EACH SECTION. QUESTIONS 1 AND 4 ARE COMPULSORY. ALL QUESTIONS ARE WORTH 25 MARKS EACH**

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**SECTION A [Answer question 1, and either question 2 or question 3]**

**Question 1 [20+5 marks]**

- a. Critically discuss the Omran's (1971, 1981) epidemiological transition theory. Ensure you give an appraisal to its relevance to developing countries in the context of HIV and AIDS.
- b. Briefly explain the factors underlying mortality decline in the developing countries since the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**Question 2 [5+5+5+5+5 marks]**

Briefly explain the following international migration theories:

- a. Cumulative causation;
- b. New household economics of migration;
- c. Dual labour market theory;
- d. World systems theory; and
- e. Network theory.

**Question 3 [25 marks]**

Give an account of the hypothesis of mobility transition by Zelinsky (1971). Critically give an appraisal for its relevance to developing countries.

**SECTION B [Answer question 4, and either question 5 or question 6]**

**Question 4 [15+10 marks]**

Critically discuss the following economic theories of fertility change and comment on their applicability to Swaziland;

- a. Easterlin's synthesis framework of fertility determination; and
- b. Neoclassical microeconomic theory by Becker (1960) and Shultz (1973).

**Question 5 [25 marks]**

Urbanization should be seen as an integral component of development. Discuss fully.

**Question 6 [25 marks]**

Fully discuss the relationship between labour force participation and education.