

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**MAIN EXAMINATION 2012/13**

**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) How and why has the experience of population change in Sub Saharan Africa been different from that of other regions in the developing world? Will it continue to be different? (12)
- b) Comprehensively discuss the concept of the global demographic divide. What caused the demographic divide? (13)

### **Question 2**

How and why does population change in response to the patterns and processes of development i.e. how does development affect population? (25)

### **Question 3**

- a) Population ageing is occurring mostly in European countries and Japan. It is more rapid in Asia and Latin America. Discuss the implications of population ageing to society and the economy.(15)
- b) Discuss how and why HIV/AIDS is an exceptional disease in its relationship with development.(10)

### **Question 4**

What has been the relative role of development achievements and medical improvements in reducing mortality in developing countries? (25)

### **Question 5**

Discuss the divergent views by several authors on how population affects development. Make sure to include your own views/opinions. (25)

### **Question 6**

- 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 *micro (household)* level perspective. (15)
- b) Discuss the main interactions between the processes of mortality decline, migration and urbanisation.(10)