

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

MAIN EXAMINATION 2013/14

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 has the world population changed overtime? (10)
- b) How and why has the experience of population change in SSA been different from that of other regions in the developing world? Will it continue to be different? (15)

Question 2

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

Question 3

- a) In what respects does having a youthful population constitute a problem for developing countries.(10)
- b) In what respects does having an ageing population constitute a problem for both developed and developing countries? (15)

Question 4

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

Question 5

- a) How does acquisition of basic literacy and numeracy assist development? (15)
- b) Discuss the main interactions between the processes of mortality decline, migration and urbanisation.(10)

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) How is the epidemiological transition linked to the demographic transition? (10)