

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**MAIN EXAMINATION 2016**

**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? (15)
- b) Describe and explain how the world's population will change in the future. (10)

### Question 2

- 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 3

Discuss the divergent views by several authors on how population affects development. Make sure to include your own opinion and justify your conclusion (25).

### Question 4

- a) How does acquisition of basic literacy and numeracy assist development? (10)
- b) 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)

### Question 5

- a) What is meant by the 'population quality' and why is it important for development? (10)
- b) A number of authors have argued that the demographic transition theory is inadequate to explain the experience of developing countries. Discuss. (15)

### Question 6

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