

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

MAIN EXAMINATION 2017

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)

Considering both sides of the argument, discuss how population affects development, positively or negatively. Make sure to include arguments by several authors, your own opinion and to justify your conclusion. (25)

Question 2

- a) In what respects does having an ageing population constitute a problem for both developed and developing countries? (15)
- b) What is meant by the 'demographic dividend' and what are the conditions in which it is likely to have an effect on development? (10)

Question 3

- 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? (17)
- b) Describe and explain how the world's population will change in the future. (8)

Question 4

- a) What is meant by flows of wealth hypothesis in explaining levels of fertility and how they have changed? (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 *macro (aggregate)* level perspective. (15)

Question 5

- a) A number of authors have argued that the demographic transition theory is inadequate to explain the experience of developing countries. Discuss. (15)
- b) What is meant by the Epidemiological transition? How valid is this conceptualisation as the starting point for understanding changes in mortality in the process of development? (10)

Question 6

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