

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

MAIN EXAMINATION 2018

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 and how is it expected to change in the next century? (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

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 3

- a) How is the concept of 'development' defined and conceptualized and what is the significance of this for development policies? (15)
- b) Describe the widely used economic and social indicators of development. Make sure to include their limitations, where applicable. (10)

Question 4

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

Question 5

How and why does population change in response to the patterns and processes of development i.e. how does development affect population? (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) What is meant by the 'population quality' and why is it important for development?