

UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

MAIN EXAMINATION 2019

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) 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 3

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

Question 4

- 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? (10)

Question 5

- 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 6

What is meant by the term 'digital divide' and why are the theoretical benefits of ICTs for the whole population compromised by any digital divide within developing countries as well as between the North and South? (25)