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FIRST SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, APRIL 2021

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS AND DEMOGRAPHY

COURSE CODE: DEM415

TITLE OF PAPER: POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT I

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

Instructions

1. Answer any three questions

Candidates may complete the front cover of their answer book when instructed by the Chief Invigilator and sign their examination attendance cards but must NOT write anything else until the start of the examination period is announced.

No electronic devices capable of storing and retrieving text, including electronic dictionaries and any form of foreign material may be used while in the examination room.

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Question 1 [25 marks]

Comprehensively discuss the concept of digital divide. Why is it important?

Question 2 [25 marks]

'Development is the best contraceptive'. Critically appraise this argument.

Question 3 [25 marks]

3.1 What is meant by the 'population quality' and why is it important for development? [10]

3.2 A number of authors have argued that the demographic transition theory is inadequate to explain the experience of developing countries. Discuss. [15]

Question 4 [25 marks]

4.1 Discuss the linear stages of growth model as propounded by Rostow. [15]

4.2 In addition discuss the major flaws of the model with specific reference their applicability in developing countries. [10]

Question 5 [25 marks]

Write short, but critical, notes on the modernisation theory of economic development.

Question 6 [25 marks]

6.1 Discuss the social and economic consequences of rapid population growth. [10]

6.2 With specific reference to Eswatini, discuss the causes of population growth. [15]