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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

**PROGRAMME : BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HOME
ECONOMICS AND HOME
ECONOMICS EDUCATION YEAR IV**

COURSE CODE : FRHD 407

**TITLE OF PAPER : POPULATION STUDIES AND
HEALTH**

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1)
AND ANY OTHER (2) QUESTIONS**

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QUESTION 1 [COMPULSORY]

- (a) Discuss and explain why it is exceptionally difficult to measure fertility. [15 marks]
- (b) Distinguish between the various measures of infant mortality; explain the differences and the usefulness of these different indicators. [10 marks]
- (c) Explain why malaria is a major concern in Sub-Saharan Africa. [15 marks]

[Total marks = 40]

QUESTION 2

- (a) Explain the demographic transition and outline its various stages. [15 marks]
- (b) How is the HIV and AIDS pandemic likely to affect the demographic transition for Sub-Saharan countries? [15 marks]

[Total marks = 30]

QUESTION 3

Identifying any three diseases whose prevalence is environmentally determined. Discuss these three diseases under the following subheading:

- (a) Causes [2 x 3 = 6]
(b) Transmission [3 x 3 = 9]
(c) Prevalence in Swaziland/Botswana [3 x 3 = 9]
(d) Treatment and prevention [2 x 3 = 6]

[Total marks = 30]

QUESTION 4

- (a) In general, countries with the highest rates of fertility also have the highest rates of maternal, infant, and child mortality. Why is that so? [10 marks]
- (b) There is a growing body of knowledge and evidence about what makes people healthy. Discuss in detail the factors that determine the health status of a nation. [15 marks]

[Total marks = 30]