### UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

# DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND **PLANNING**

FINAL EXAMINATION – NOVEMBER, 2021

MSc.

TITLE PAPER:

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

COURSE CODE: GEP632

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** 

1. ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION.

2. WHERE APPRORIATE, ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH EXAMPLES AND DIAGRAMS.

MARKS ALLOCATION: ALL QUESTIONS CARRY FIFTY (50) MARKS EACH.

THIS QUESTION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR

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## SECTION A: ANSWER ONE QUESTION

### **QUESTION 1**

"While natural sources of climate variability are significant, multiple lines of evidence indicate that human influences have had an increasingly dominant effect on global climate warming observed since the mid-twentieth century" (American Physical Society, 2015:1). Discuss.

(50 Marks)

#### **QUESTION 2**

a) Discuss the Milankovitch theory in relation to its role in Earth's Climate.

(25 marks)

b) Critically discuss the scientific consensus and/or position that the Milankovitch theory cannot explain the current warming of the Earth's Climate.

(25 marks)

(50 Marks)

### **SECTION B: ANSWER ONE QUESTION**

### **QUESTION 3**

With reference to Eswatini, discuss climate change financing mechanism and the challenges faced by the country (and other global South countries) in accessing and managing climate finance.

(50 Marks)

### **QUESTION 4**

Eswatini has an agrarian-based economy. Discuss how climate change has impacted on this economy, and what measures have been taken to adapt the sector to the changing climate.

(50 Marks)

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