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TITLE OF PAPER

PRINCIPLES OF MACRO ECONOMICS

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TIME ALLOWED

TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS.

2. ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS IN ALL.

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QUESTION 1

(a) Describe three major approaches to measuring national output. [15 marks]

(b) Explain two major uses of national output figures.

[10 marks]

QUESTION 2

(a) Explain any two functions of money.

[6 marks]

(b) Discuss the three types of demand for money.

[15 marks]

(c) List any four methods available to a Central Bank for controlling money supply.

[4 marks]

QUESTION 3

(a) Describe three major determinants of investment in Swaziland.

[15 marks]

(b) Describe the three major consumption theories.

[15 marks]

QUESTION 4

(a) What do you understand by the term 'multiplier'.

[5 marks]

(b) Show algebraically a multiplier in a model with a lump-sum tax.

[10 marks]

(c) Show algebraically that the balanced budget multiplier is equal to 1.

[10 marks]

QUESTION 5

Outline the structural characteristics of the Swaziland economy and indicate their historical origins.

[25 marks]