

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

MAIN EXAMINATION 2014/15

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 your own opinion and to justify your conclusion. (25)

Question 2

- a) Poverty is the prime cause for high fertility and rapid population growth in developing countries. Critically appraise this argument from a macro level perspective. (15)
- b) How and why has the experience of population change in SSA been different from that of other regions in the developing world? Will it continue to be different? (10)

Question 3

- a) What is meant by the 'population quality' and why is it important for development? (10)
- b) What do Malthus and Boserup have in common? Why despite this do they come to such different conclusions?. (15)

Question 4

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

Question 5

Discuss the main interactions between the processes of mortality decline, migration and urbanisation.(25)

Question 6

- a) What is meant by the term 'demographic dividend' and what are the conditions in which it is likely to have an effect on development?(10)
- b) In what respects does having an ageing population constitute a problem for both developed and developing countries? (15)