



**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER**

PROGRAMME: BSC ABE 4
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COURSE CODE: ABE 404

TITLE OF PAPER: NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

SPECIAL MATERIAL REQUIRED: NONE

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY TWO OTHER QUESTIONS.

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SECTION A. COMPULSORY QUESTION**Question One**

- a. Discuss how the law of supply and demand as applied in market economies negatively affects natural resources conservation? /10
- b. As a general rule, the more organisms are removed from a food web, the more vulnerable it is. Discuss this statement using real life practices as examples. /10
- c. Explain why population histograms are important when studying human populations and how is this information useful in natural resources conservation? /10
- d. Discuss the significance of environmental law in natural resources management. /10

[40 marks]**SECTION B. ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS****Question Two**

- a. Discuss the relationship between sustainable forest management and collaborative forest management. In your discussion make reference to the following:
- i. Forests on customary and trust lands /4
 - ii. Definition of CFM /4
 - iii. Community Based Forest Management System /8
 - iv. Environment for Community Based Forest Management System (discuss at least two factors) /6
 - v. Ecosystems goods and services, /8

[30 marks]

Question Three

- a. Briefly explain what is meant by the following terms;
- i. Sustainable land management /5
 - ii. Green taxes /5
 - iii. Accounting for natural capital /5
 - iv. Opportunity cost /5
 - v. Natural resources /5
 - vi. Conservation /5

[30 marks]

Question Four

- a. Explain how human resource development is important for economic growth and subsequently contribute to sustainable development of a country? /10
- b. Discuss the importance of the nitrogen cycle in ecological system management, explaining the various paths of nitrogen in both biotic and abiotic factors of the biosphere. /20

[30 marks]