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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: DECEMBER 2009

B.A& B.ED

TITLE OF PAPER : SPATIAL ASPECTS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

COURSE NUMBER : GEP 414

TIME ALLOWED : THREE HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS INCLUDING
QUESTION ONE WHICH IS COMPULSORY**

**WHERE POSSIBLE ILLUSTRATE YOUR
ANSWERS WITH EXAMPLES**

**MARK ALLOCATION : QUESTION ONE(1) CARRIES 40 MARKS
AND THE REST OF THE QUESTIONS
CARRY 30 MARKS EACH.**

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DO SO HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTION

QUESTION 1

- a) Discuss the challenges facing agricultural production in rural areas in the developing world. (20 marks)
- b) Explain the challenges encountered by women in their contribution to agriculture in particular as well as rural development in general. (20 marks)
- (40 marks)**

SECTION B; ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2

Using illustrative examples, explain how rural non-farm activities can strengthen rural economies to overcome poverty in Southern Africa.

(30 marks)

QUESTION 3

Using examples from Southern Africa, discuss the Land Reform programme, as a function of the following considerations

- a) Social Justice (15 marks)
- b) Economic Empowerment (15 marks)

QUESTION 4

'Public participation aims to generate issues representative of various sectors of society in development planning and implementation'. Describe the criteria for effective participation, highlighting the possible constraints.

(30 marks)

QUESTION 5

Suggest and discuss, agricultural reform practices that have sustained growth in per capita food production in the Developed world as opposed to that of Sub-Saharan Africa.

(30 marks)