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B.A., BASS, Beds. & B.Sc

TITLE OF PAPER : ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

COURSE TITLE : GEP 431

TIME ALLOWED : THREE HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS : SECTION A IS COMPULSORY.
ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM
SECTION B.
ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH
APPROPRIATE DIAGRAMS.**

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

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GEP 431 ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTION (40 MARKS)

QUESTION 1

“The Southern Africa region is currently facing a suite of complex emergencies driven by a mix of factors, including HIV/AIDS, conflict, land tenure, governance and lack of access to resources.” (Kasperson, 2007:159) Discuss. **[40 marks]**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2

With reference to specific examples, discuss the concept of sustainable development in the management of the natural environment of a country. **[30 marks]**

QUESTION 3

Debate the contention that the ‘rate of population growth is the major problem facing African countries in their quest for development.’ **[30 marks]**

QUESTION 4

By referring to key policy strategies, explain how the Swaziland government is addressing poverty alleviation within the society. **[30 marks]**

QUESTION 5

‘The development of indicators that are sensitive and measure change across economic, social, and environmental dimensions is important for monitoring and evaluating progress towards achieving sustainable development.’ Discuss. **[30 marks]**