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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER DECEMBER 2013

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TITLE OF PAPER : SPATIAL ASPECTS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

COURSE NUMBER : GEP 414

TIME ALLOWED : THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS.

2. QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY

ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM  
SECTION B.

3. WHERE APPROPRIATE ILLUSTRATE YOUR

ANSWER WITH DIAGRAMS.

MARK ALLOCATION : QUESTION ONE (1) CARRIES 40 MARKS. THE

REST OF THE QUESTIONS CARRY 30 MARKS

EACH.

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THE INVIGILATOR.

**SECTION A: COMPULSORY**

**QUESTION 1**

Using specific examples, discuss how infrastructural development can strengthen rural integration to overcome rural poverty in Southern Africa. **(40 Marks)**

**SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 2**

“A major and often overlooked feature of Third World agrarian systems particularly in Africa and Asia is the crucial role played by women in agricultural production” (Todaro, 1989:11).

Discuss the validity of this statement today. **(30 Marks)**

**QUESTION 3**

Discuss the impact of HIV and AIDS pandemic on rural development in Swaziland.

**(30 Marks)**

**QUESTION 4**

Discuss the importance of Local Economic Development (LED) in the process of rural development in developing countries. **(30 Marks)**

**QUESTION 5**

Discuss the Rural Development Areas Programme (RDAP's) implemented in Swaziland, highlighting its successes and failures. **(30 Marks)**