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FINAL EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2018

B.A., B.Ed. (FT/PT)

TITLE OF PAPER: SPATIAL ASPECTS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: GEP411/GEP414

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS
2. QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY
3. ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B
4. WHERE APPROPRIATE, ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWER WITH DIAGRAMS AND EXAMPLES

MARKS ALLOCATION:

QUESTION ONE (1) CARRIES 40 MARKS THE REST OF THE QUESTIONS CARRY 30 MARKS.

THIS QUESTION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR

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SECTION A: COMPULSORY

QUESTION 1

- a) “If convincing and more comprehensive definitions are to emerge, it is essential that rural development be recognized as a multi-level process rooted in historical traditions” (Ploeg *et al.*, 2001: 391). Using examples, discuss the validity of this statement. (25 marks)
- b) Outline the main reasons that led to the failure of integrated rural development projects in African countries in the 1970s to 1980s. (15 marks)
- (40 Marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

QUESTION 2

Discuss land and water rights issues that are encountered in the implementation of the Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP) as a rural development initiative in the Kingdom of Eswatini. (30 Marks)

QUESTION 3

Discuss the narrower economic and broader structural interpretations of rural poverty and rural development in the Kingdom of Eswatini. (30 Marks)

QUESTION 4

Using examples, critically discuss the role and limitations of non-governmental organizations in rural development in African countries. (30 Marks)

QUESTION 5

- a) Explain John Friedmann’s notion of structures of dualistic dependency and its implication on rural development interventions. (15 marks)
- b) Outline the arguments given by John Friedmann on the role of the State under the agropolitan approach to rural development. (15 marks)
- (30 Marks)